

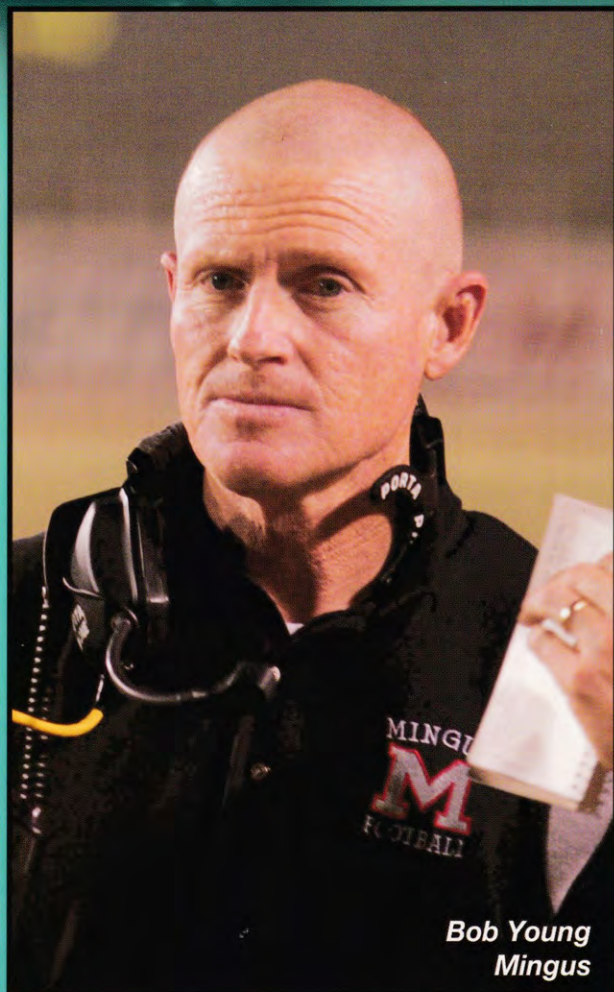
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## 2007 Conference/Region Alignment

### 5A CONFERENCE

#### CENTRAL A (Div. 1)

Basha (2476), Corona del Sol (2791), Desert Vista (2931), Mountain Pointe (2540)

#### DESERT VALLEY (Div. 1)

Brophy Prep (2532), Desert Mountain (2528), Mountain Ridge (2498), St. Mary's (846), Xavier Prep (2320)

#### EAST VALLEY (Div. 1)

Dobson (3087), Mesa (3498), Mesa Mountain View (3650), Red Mountain (3770), Westwood (3200)

#### FIESTA (Div. 1)

Chandler (3060), Gilbert (3223), Hamilton (3182), Highland (2854), Mesquite (3239)

#### METRO (Div. 1)

Alhambra (2991), Cesar Chavez (2458), Maryvale (2594), North Canyon (2532), Trevor Browne (2957)

#### SOUTHERN A (Div. 1)

Buena (2807), Casa Grande (3164), Salpointe Catholic (1218), Tucson (2930)

### 5A CONFERENCE

#### CENTRAL B (Div. 2)

Desert Ridge (2249), Horizon (2461), Marcos de Niza (2010), Pinnacle (2018), Skyline (2395)

#### DESERT WEST (Div. 2)

Centennial (2272), Ironwood (2180), La Joya (2331), Sunrise Mountain (2156), Tolleson (2212), Westview (2233)

#### GILA VALLEY (Div. 2)

Cibola (2382), Gila Ridge (2025), Kofa (2764), San Luis (2163), Yuma (2300)

#### METRO (Div. 2)

Betty Fairfax (2000), Camelback (2146), Carl Hayden (2353), Central (2312), North (2603), South Mountain (2232)

#### NORTHWEST (Div. 2)

Barry Goldwater (2126), Boulder Creek (2164), Deer Valley (2192), Kingman (2304), Valley Vista (2029), Willow Canyon (2283)

#### SOUTHERN B (Div. 2)

Ironwood Ridge (1959), Marana Mountain View (2202), Rincon (2015), Sunnyside (2386)

### 4A CONFERENCE

#### DESERT SKY (Div. 1)

Apache Junction (1810), Cactus Shadows (1711), Chaparral (1911), McClintock (1912), Paradise Valley (1745), Saguaro (1647), Shadow Mountain (1841)

#### KINO (Div. 1)

Cienega (1805), Desert View (1731), Flowing Wells (1929), Nogales (1855), Sabino (1560), Sahuaro (1840)

#### SONORAN (Div. 1)

Canyon del Oro (1767), Catalina Foothills (1843), Cholla (1827), Marana (1884), Pueblo (1971)

#### WESTERN SKY (Div. 1)

Apollo (1849), Independence (1854), Sandra Day O'Connor (1868), Prescott (1930), Sunnyslope (1758), Thunderbird (1801)

#### WEST VALLEY (Div. 1)

Agua Fria (1838), Cactus (1818), Copper Canyon (1750), Lake Havasu (1945), Liberty (1805), Millennium (1768), Peoria (1796)

### 4A CONFERENCE

#### BLACK CANYON (Div. 2)

Cortez (1361), Glendale (1611), Greenway (1694), Moon Valley (1719), Notre Dame Prep (852), Washington (1585)

#### EAST SKY (Div. 2)

Arcadia (1381), Coronado (1333), Higley (1662), Perry (1800), Queen Creek (1554), Seton Catholic (515), Tempe (1361), Williams Field (1771)

#### GILA (Div. 2)

Amphitheater (1602), Catalina (1571), Douglas (1345), Palo Verde (1557), Rio Rico (1098), Sahuarita (1253), Santa Rita (1286)

#### GRAND CANYON (Div. 2)

Bradshaw Mountain (1681), Coconino (1326), Flagstaff (1407), Mingus Union (1309), Page (1151), Sinagua (1035)

#### SKYLINE (Div. 2)

Buckeye (1642), Desert Edge (1621), Dysart (1631), Raymond Kellis (1728), Mohave (1639), Verrado (1650), Youngker (1347)

### 3A CONFERENCE

#### EAST

Alchesay (605), Blue Ridge (922), Payson (888), Round Valley (548), Show Low (853), Snowflake (767)

#### NORTH

Chinle (1154), Ganado (702), Holbrook (741), Monument Valley (924), Tuba City (913), Window Rock (875), Winslow (868)

#### SOUTH

Coolidge (955), Empire (675), Florence (1150), Fountain Hills (884), Globe (658), Maricopa (880), Safford (810), Santa Cruz (515)

#### WEST

Chino Valley (792), Estrella Foothills (945), Parker (572), River Valley (888), Sedona Red Rock (559), South Pointe (678), Wickenburg (632)

### 2A CONFERENCE

#### CENTRAL

Camp Verde (496), Canyon State (368), Horizon

Honors (352), North Point Prep (355), Northwest Christian (387), Phoenix Country Day (260), Scottsdale Christian (376), Valley Christian (410)

#### EAST

Benson (414), Bisbee (396), Desert Christian (242), Morenci (273), Thatcher (407), Tombstone (362), Willcox (487)

#### NORTH

Greyhills (488), Hopi (557), Many Farms (449), Pinon (379), Red Mesa (362), Rough Rock (246), St. Johns (348), Valley (395)

#### SOUTH

Baboquivari (292), Hayden (145), Miami (366), Pusch Ridge Christian (297), Ray (222), San Carlos (363), San Manuel (350), Superior (157)

#### WEST

Antelope (394), Arizona Lutheran (187), Bourgade Catholic (411), Phoenix Christian (329), Precision (733), Tonopah Valley (335), Westwind Prep (280), Yuma Catholic (364)

### 1A CONFERENCE

#### EAST

Bowie (24), Cibecue (126), Clifton (41), Duncan (148), East Fork (77), Ft. Thomas (182), Pima (188), San Simon (48)

#### NORTH

Ash Fork (71), Beaver Dam (129), Fredonia (129), Grand Canyon (81), Joseph City (156), Mogollon (199), Music Mountain (45), Northland Prep (178), Rock Point (181), Seligman (43), Shonto Prep (139), St. Michael (144), Williams (232)

#### SOUTH

Academy of Tucson (173), Ajo (162), ASDB (129), Gila Bend (156), Green Fields (78), Immaculate Heart (60), Lourdes Catholic (97), Patagonia (85), St. Augustine (112), St. David (149), St. Gregory (188), Tanque Verde (190), Tohono O'odham (82), Valley Union (165)

#### WEST

Bagdad (99), Joy Christian (150), Mayer (207), PDSD (58), Salome (131), Salt River (210), San Pasqual (171), St. Paul's (92), Surrey Garden (68), Tempe Prep (211), Orme (155), Valley Lutheran (148), Verde Valley (118), Veritas Prep (138)

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## NAU Lumberjacks Ready to Go Nine Starters on Offense Back for 2007 Season

By David Kukulski

Northern Arizona University's coaching staff, players and fans hope things come together, so this can be a very special year.

There's every reason for optimism. The Lumberjacks doubled up on victories last year (from three in 2005 to six in 2006). They have 39 returning lettermen, including nine starters on offense and five regulars on defense. NAU posted winning records in the Big Sky Conference (4-3) and overall (6-5), despite opening the season on the road against Arizona State and Utah.

Well, the Lumberjacks deserve a lot of respect. They absorbed one-sided losses to ASU (35-14) and Utah (45-7) before rebounding to win six of the final nine contests.

Even the three defeats showed character: a 39-32 barnburner at home versus Montana State, a 24-21 nail-biter before 23,626 fans at third-ranked Montana and a 34-26 sparring session at the Dome against #25 Portland State.

They won their final two games last fall against Weber State and Northern Colorado by a 96-20 count.

So, can NAU pick up where it left off last year?

Sure, if they can replace QB Jason Murrietta, the runnerup for the coveted Walter Payton Award. Murrietta had a brilliant career with the Jacks. In his senior year alone, he connected on 214 of 329 passes for 2,827 yards and 34 scores against just five interceptions.

Last year's backup – junior Lance



**Kenny Mahone was the second leading receiver for the Lumberjacks in 2006, grabbing 40 passes for 474 yards and six touchdowns. He also returned punts and kickoffs for NAU (Paynter Pics).**

Kriesien – might get first shot to replace Murrietta. Or it could one of a couple of other squad members or possibly Fresno State transfer Sean Norton. As a senior, he merely led Hart HS to the CIF Division II title, checking in with an incredible 4,067 yards passing and 44 six-pointers.

Whoever takes over at quarterback will be blessed with a first-class receiving corps. The undisputed leader of that group is returning First-Team All-America Alex Watson. He enjoyed a fan-

tastic junior season, bringing in 82 receptions for 1,017 yards and an eye-popping 15 TDs. Against ASU in the first game of the year, he torched the Sun Devil secondary for 12 catches for 214 yards. He has a great chance to move on to the NFL next year.

But, as good as Watson is, he's far from the whole show. Fellow wideout Kenny Mahone chipped in with 40 receptions for nearly 500 yards and six touchdowns. He's back too. So is Skyler Moore (39 for 687 yards and nine TDs). Ditto TE Shaun Fitzpatrick (20-229-1) and RB Alex Henderson (14-215-1).

Speaking of Henderson, he paced the 2006 NAU running attack, gaining 1,014 yards rushing as a redshirt freshman. The Lumberjack offense may be a little more dependent on the running game, especially early in the year while Coach Souers finds a suitable replacement for the departed Murrietta. Henderson could have a monster career in Flagstaff.

The O-Line returns four of five starters –

including the likes of mammoth tackle Justin Tyler (6-7, 320), Trevor Heekin, Kevin Meagher and Jon Toailoa.

Placekicker Robbie Dehaze was remarkable as a sophomore last fall. He hit 13 of 17 field goal attempts, including 7-10 from 40+ yards. He was also 43 of 44 on PATs, so the kicking game is a big-time plus. Replacing punter Rhian Madrid will be a chore. As a senior in 2006, Madrid merely averaged 44.4 yards per punt, placing 13 down inside the 20.



## 2007 SCHEDULE

Aug. 30 ....Western New Mexico  
 Sept. 8.....at Arizona  
 Sept. 15.....at Appalachian St.  
 Sept. 22.....Northern Colorado  
 Sept. 29 .....at Sacramento St.  
 Oct. 6.....at Portland State  
 Oct. 13 .....Idaho State  
 Oct. 20 .....at Weber State  
 Oct. 27 .....Montana  
 Nov. 3.....at Montana State  
 Nov. 10.....Eastern Washington

Defensively, NAU has a bit more rebuilding to do.

Safety Jeff Wheeler, who led the Jacks in tackles and tied for the lead in interceptions, is gone via graduation. Linebacker Chris Hunsaker was second in tackles and collected 11.5 sacks; he's gone. Another linebacker, D.J. Wade, was third in tackles – gone. Well, you get the idea.

That's not to say some good talent isn't returning. As a junior, DE DeAndre Johnson had 47 total tackles, including 4.5 behind the line of scrimmage. He'll help anchor the defensive line in 2007, along with big DE Drew Hoffman, another senior. Blair Boynton, who was injured against ASU and lost for the season, has recovered and should be a factor along the defensive front.

Senior Shaun Baker is a bruising linebacker and he's back. Joining him will be junior Jared Fano and senior Joe Mitchell.

One of the leaders in the secondary should be senior safety Adam Wright; he registered 40 tackles and a pick last year.

Senior Ricky Wilson is coming off a solid season and will also play a major role as a defensive back.

Cornerback K.J. Gerard is back and ready to play, after being injured in the ASU contest.

Austin Martin had a fine freshman campaign and the Lumberjacks will benefit from his work for the next three years. You might also watch Kurt Karstens, Marcus McIlwain, Niegel Clemens, Trason Bragg and Nate Dedic. Karstens had three interceptions last fall.

Obviously, Souers is hoping some of the underclassmen on last year's team, as well as some of the new recruits shown on this page, can help fill in the gaps.

The NAU defense gave up 27 points and 378 yards of total offense per game last season. Those numbers aren't earth-



*Justin Tyler (#73), formerly of Ironwood High School and Colorado State University, starts for NAU at the left tackle position (Paynter Pics).*

shattering, but they were good enough to help produce a winning record.

Last fall, the NAU offense recorded 34 points and 405 yards per outing. Impressive statistics. You don't get there

without good coaching, talented players and a lot of hard work.

That's the key to success every year. The Lumberjacks seem to be headed in the right direction. Let's play football!

## 2007 LUMBERJACK RECRUITS

QB .....	Sean Norton.....	5-10, 175, Jr. ....	Valenica, CA
WR.....	Daiveun Chapman .....	6-2, 195, Fr .....	Corona, CA
WR.....	Chris Lundgren .....	5-11, 195, Fr.....	Tucson, AZ
WR.....	Jordan Scott.....	5-10, 185, Fr.....	Phoenix, AZ
WR.....	Justin Smith .....	5-11, 180, Fr.....	La Quinta, CA
TE.....	Brian Riley .....	6-4, 240, Fr.....	Tucson, AZ
OL .....	Jared Chrisman.....	6-5, 285, Fr .....	San Marcos, CA
OL .....	Antonio Danek .....	6-4, 295, Fr .....	Milwaukie, OR
OL .....	David Lord .....	6-6, 330, Jr. ....	Rialto, CA
OL .....	Alex Mott.....	6-5, 270, Fr.....	Troutdale, OR
OL .....	Kris Poindexter .....	6-2, 280, Fr.....	Phoenix, AZ
OL .....	John Schactner .....	6-2, 280, Fr.....	Sunland, CA
DL.....	Isaac Bond.....	6-4, 240, Fr.....	Vancouver, WA
DL.....	Vinnie Paciulli.....	6-1, 295, Fr.....	Phoenix, AZ
LB .....	David Harris III.....	6-0, 210, Fr .....	Denver, CO
LB .....	Zach McNailey .....	6-0, 230, So.....	Brentwood, CA
LB .....	Travis McNaughton .....	6-0, 225, Fr.....	Huntington Beach, CA
LB .....	Toolefua Samuelu .....	6-1, 220, Fr .....	Oakland, CA
LB .....	Jake Welch .....	6-2, 240, Fr .....	Yorba Linda, CA
LB .....	Chris Woods .....	6-2, 220, Fr .....	Venice, CA
DB .....	Drew Bernhardt.....	6-1, 205, Fr .....	Las Vegas, NV
DB .....	Tyler Brown.....	6-1, 205, Fr .....	Fremont, CA
DB .....	Pierre Girtley.....	5-11, 180, Fr .....	Yucaipa, CA
DB .....	Raphael Mack .....	5-11, 182, Jr. ....	Gilbert, AZ
DB .....	Jimmy Mitchell .....	5-11, 185, Fr .....	Las Vegas, NV
DB .....	Kasseem Osheroff .....	5-11, 205, Fr .....	Portland, OR



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## Checklist of Players

### QUARTERBACKS

Trevor Athay, Lake Havasu, 6-2, 205, Sr.  
 Nick Curley, Tuba City, 5-11, 185, Jr.  
 Hayden Eagar, Round Valley, 6-3, 170, Jr.  
 Ridge Halenar, Payson, 5-11, 190, Jr.  
 Cel Hernandez, Parker, 5-9, 170, Sr.  
 Ryan Hill, Flagstaff, 6-1, 195, Sr.  
 Jerry Johns, Hopi, 5-8, 175, Sr.  
 Jared McCarthur, Show Low, 5-11, 165, Sr.  
 Gaige McKean, Bagdad, 6-1, 165, Jr.  
 Randy Queen, Mohave, 6-0, 160, Jr.  
 Harold Quintero, Alchesay, 6-0, 170, Sr.  
 Randall Raban, St. Johns, 5-11, 160, Sr.  
 Drew Vaughan, Wickenburg, 5-11, 175, Sr.  
 Bryan Williams, Blue Ridge, 6-3, 190, Sr.

### RUNNING BACKS

Steel Armstrong, Blue Ridge, 6-0, 205, Jr.  
 Damien Baca, Camp Verde, 5-11, 185, Sr.  
 Carlos Baiela, Holbrook, 5-8, 150, Sr.  
 Patrick Bailey, Flagstaff, 6-0, 195, Sr.  
 Zack Baldwin, Joseph City, 5-8, 170, So.  
 Gavin Beaudry, Bagdad, 6-0, 190, Sr.  
 Shad Bride, St. Johns, 6-0, 190, Jr.  
 Levi Carter, Prescott, 6-1, 225, Sr.  
 Sean DeWitt, Joseph City, 6-1, 205, Sr.  
 Layton Dickerson, Mingus, 5-11, 180, Sr.  
 Matt Hilton, River Valley, 5-10, 176, Sr.  
 Johnny Ray Kennedy, Chino Valley, 5-9, 180, Jr.  
 Anthony Lozoya, River Valley, 5-8, 170, Jr.  
 Ben Pigg, Bradshaw Mountain, 5-10, 176, Sr.  
 Aaron Perkins, Holbrook, 5-8, 175, So.  
 Devin Peterson, Snowflake, 5-11, 190, Sr.  
 Chris Shipp, Prescott, 5-8, 185, Sr.  
 Aaron Want, Mayer, 5-9, 155, Jr.  
 Micheal Yellowhorse, Valley, 6-0, 185, Jr.

### WIDE RECEIVERS

Skyler Branch, Prescott, 6-0, 180, Sr.  
 Josh Clelland, Chino Valley, 6-0, 170, Sr.  
 Derek Giger, Show Low, 6-1, 205, Sr.  
 Jordan Nikoulous, Show Low, 6-0, 180, Sr.  
 Logan Roger, Snowflake, 5-9, 160, Sr.  
 Josh Shirley, Coconino, 6-2, 160, Sr.  
 Jimmy Tate, Tuba City, 6-0, 195, So.  
 Paul Wells, Wickenburg, 6-1, 170, Sr.  
 Dillion Winiecki, Flagstaff, 6-4, 185, Sr.  
 Sterling Wise, Blue Ridge, 6-1, 185, Sr.

### TIGHT ENDS

Tim Kessel, Mingus, 6-4, 210, Sr.  
 Alike Lemmon, Orme, 6-5, 185, So.  
 Cory Thellmann, Joseph City, 6-3, 190, Jr.

### LINEMEN

Scott Andrus, Payson, 6-2, 265, Sr.  
 Bryan Barberena, Prescott, 6-0, 200, Sr.  
 Vincent Begay, Tuba City, 6-2, 275, Sr.  
 Ryan Best, Holbrook, 5-10, 260, Jr.  
 Dewight Boyd, Blue Ridge, 6-5, 275, Sr.  
 Matt Buehler, Bradshaw Mt., 6-1, 220, Sr.  
 Juston Covolt, Show Low, 6-1, 220, Sr.  
 Roper Crook, Hopi, 5-11, 185, Sr.  
 Jake Duthie, St. Johns, 6-0, 185, Sr.  
 Dorrian Edwards, Mohave, 6-4, 260, Sr.  
 Aaron Feichter, Chino Valley, 6-2, 230, Sr.  
 Blake Crissman, Wickenburg, 6-2, 225, Jr.  
 Julian Gradhoff, Orme, 6-3, 235, Sr.  
 Aaron Hauser, Mingus, 6-6, 320, Sr.  
 Ben Hauser, Camp Verde, 6-1, 230, Sr.  
 Morti Jim, Holbrook, 5-10, 220, Jr.  
 Tyler Hughes, Mohave, 6-2, 260, Sr.  
 Josh Johnson, Alchesay, 5-9, 205, Sr.  
 Garrett Kalemsa, Hopi, 5-9, 220, Sr.  
 Jon Langdon, Mayer, 6-2, 230, Sr.  
 Joseph Larsen, Winslow, 6-2, 225, Sr.  
 Aaron Marsh, Wickenburg, 6-3, 190, Sr.  
 Gabe Munoz, Mohave, 6-3, 285, Sr.  
 Jake Ray, Round Valley, 6-2, 220, Jr.  
 A.J. Rodriguez, Snowflake, 6-1, 250, Sr.  
 Jarrett Shughart, Flagstaff, 6-2, 235, Sr.  
 Tad Sioama, River Valley, 6-2, 260, Jr.  
 John Soto, Kingman, 5-11, 220, Sr.  
 Justin Van Horne, Mayer, 5-9, 175, Sr.  
 Matt Weber, Camp Verde, 6-3, 270, Sr.  
 Jarrett Yargus, Bagdad, 6-2, 190, Jr.

### LINEBACKERS

Cody Adams, Mohave, 6-2, 220, Sr.  
 Isaac Chavez, Prescott, 6-1, 215, Sr.  
 Johnny Cordova, Coconino, 5-10, 180, Jr.  
 Kevin Gollehar, Bradshaw Mt., 5-10, 180, Sr.  
 Emmanuel Hernandez, Mingus, 5-10, 210, Sr.  
 Lucas Hull, Coconino, 5-10, 170, Jr.  
 B.J. Hill, Payson, 5-11, 155, Sr.  
 Josh Honacer, River Valley, 5-8, 165, Sr.  
 Yoon Kim, Orme, 6-1, 210, Sr.

### LINEBACKERS (cont)

Frank Larzslere, Alchesay, 5-9, 185, Jr.  
 Michael Riger, Kingman, 6-2, 200, Sr.  
 Troy Six, St. Johns, 5-8, 150, Sr.  
 Sterling Stradling, St. Johns, 6-0, 170, Sr.  
 Travis Trickey, Round Valley, 6-4, 225, Sr.  
 Tell Udall, Round Valley, 5-9, 185, Sr.  
 Mike Walton, Lake Havasu, 5-11, 175, Sr.  
 Garrett Worster, Chino Valley, 5-9, 180, Jr.

### DEFENSIVE BACKS

Tim Austill, Mingus, 6-0, 160, Sr.  
 Matt Boyd, Blue Ridge, 6-1, 170, Jr.  
 Bauer Brawn, Round Valley, 5-9, 150, Sr.  
 Zach Brooks, Payson, 6-1, 165, Sr.  
 Eric Cordova, Coconino, 5-8, 140, Sr.  
 Byron Davis, Monument Valley, 5-11, 180, Sr.  
 Jared Garder, Joseph City, 5-8, 160, Jr.  
 John Gonzales, Winslow, 5-9, 165, Sr.  
 Rob Grabowski, Winslow, 6-0, 175, Sr.  
 Evan Hamblin, Round Valley, 6-1, 170, Sr.  
 Justin Kilduff, Bradshaw Mt., 5-10, 158, Jr.  
 Keith Knudsen, Prescott, 6-2, 185, Jr.  
 Lionel Manygoats, Tuba City, 5-11, 185, Sr.  
 Sheldon Murphy, Wickenburg, 5-9, 160, Jr.  
 Philip O'Dell, Show Low, 6-1, 180, Sr.  
 Luke O'Sullivan, Mayer, 5-10, 170, Sr.  
 Cody Overbay, Snowflake, 5-9, 155, Sr.  
 Tony Pawesiema, Hopi, 5-8, 165, Jr.  
 Warren Quintero, Alchesay, 5-10, 165, Sr.  
 Will Trahin, Camp Verde, 5-11, 185, Sr.

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QB .....Bryan Williams, Blue Ridge, 6-3, 190, Sr.  
QB .....Drew Vaughan, Wickenburg, 6-0, 174, Sr.  
RB .....Steel Armstrong, Blue Ridge, 6-0, 205, Jr.  
RB .....Damien Baca, Camp Verde, 5-11, 185, Sr.  
RB .....Patrick Bailey, Flagstaff, 6-0, 195, Sr.  
RB .....Shane Bride, St. Johns, 6-0, 190, Jr.  
RB .....Layton Dickerson, Mingus, 5-11, 180, Sr.  
RB .....Luke O'Sullivan, Mayer, 5-10, 170, Sr.  
RB .....Devin Peterson, Snowflake, 5-11, 190, Sr.  
RB .....Ben Pigg, Bradshaw Mountain, 5-10, 176, Sr.  
RB .....Micheal Yellowhorse, Valley, 6-0, 185, Jr.  
WR .....Skyler Branch, Prescott, 6-0, 180, Sr.  
WR .....Derek Giger, Show Low, 6-1, 205, Sr.  
WR .....Logan Roger, Snowflake, 5-9, 160, Sr.  
WR .....Jimmy Tate, Tuba City, 6-0, 195, So.  
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L .....Scott Andrus, Payson, 6-2, 265, Sr.  
L .....Vincent Begay, Tuba City, 6-2, 275, Sr.  
L .....Dewight Boyd, Blue Ridge, 6-5, 275, Sr.  
L .....Blake Crissman, Wickenburg, 6-2, 226, Jr.  
L .....Dorrian Edwards, Mohave, 6-4, 260, Sr.  
L .....Aaron Hauser, Mingus, 6-6, 320, Sr.  
L .....Joseph Larsen, Winslow, 6-2, 225, Sr.  
L .....Jarrett Shughart, Flagstaff, 6-2, 235, Sr.  
LB .....Cody Adams, Mohave, 6-2, 220, Sr.  
LB .....Matt Buehler, Bradshaw Mountain, 6-1, 220, Sr.  
LB .....Isaac Chavez, Prescott, 6-1, 215, Sr.  
LB .....Emmanuel Hernandez, Mingus, 5-10, 210, Sr.  
LB .....Yoon Kim, Orme, 6-1, 210, Sr.  
LB .....Michael Riger, Kingman, 6-2, 200, Sr.  
LB .....Travis Trickey, Round Valley, 6-4, 225, Sr.  
LB .....Sean DeWitt, Joseph City, 6-1, 205, Sr.



*The 2007 Flagstaff Eagles will feature Ryan Hill at quarterback. He could enjoy a banner senior season (Paynter Pics).*

DB .....Zach Brooks, Payson, 6-1, 165, Sr.  
DB .....Byron Davis, Monument Valley, 5-11, 180, Sr.  
DB .....Keith Knudsen, Prescott, 6-2, 185, Sr.  
DB .....Aaron Want, Mayer, 5-9, 155, Jr.  
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## Prescott, Mingus, Flagstaff 4A Contenders Wickenburg, Blue Ridge Battle for 3A Honors

**KINGMAN** is the only Northern Arizona school competing at the 5A level. The Bulldogs are members of the 5A-2 Northwest Region, comprised of rivals Barry Goldwater, Boulder Creek, Deer Valley, newcomer Valley Vista and Willow Canyon.

Tough company, indeed! Kingman (1-9 in 2006) is counting on OT/LB Michael Riger (6-2, 200) and FB/LB John Soto (5-11, 220) to spark their teammates to a better slate in 2007.

"We had a very successful 2006 season," says **PRESCOTT** Head Coach Lou Beneitone. "Many players are working hard, wanting to repeat last year's success. Our biggest slot to fill is the quarterback position. Dan Trail, the QB from last year, will be a big loss."

But the Badgers have a powerful bunch of 22 veterans from last year's 9-3 varsity. Headliners of that group are WR/DL/LB Isaac Chavez (6-1, 215), RB/DB Keith Knudsen (6-2, 185), OL/LB Bryan Barberena (6-0, 200), WR/DB Skyler Branch (6-0, 180), RB/DB Chris Shipp (5-8, 185) and RB Levi Carter (6-1, 225) – all twelfth-graders.

Heavy contributions are also expected from OL Troy Boehm (6-2, 220, Sr.), OL/DL Daniel Brutinel (6-2, 234, Sr.), LB Lopati HoChee (6-0, 205, Sr.), TE/DL Jordan Magdeleno (6-2, 210, Sr.), OL/DL Spencer Campbell (5-11, 250, Jr.), RB/DB Jacob Jarvis (6-1, 195, Jr.), WR/DB Brian Scatos (6-1, 175, So.), TE/DE Nick Randall (6-3, 190, Jr.) and TE/DE Jordan Pruzina (6-3, 205, Jr.).

Either Trevor Cruz or Josh Chavez should win the nod at quarterback. TE/DE Ty Asay (6-4, 215) is a senior transfer from West Virginia.

**LAKE HAVASU** tackles its upcoming season with senior field general Trevor Athay (6-2, 205) at the helm. As a junior, he passed for over 1,000 yards and ran for nearly 900 more. He's a dynamic player for the Knights.

Also, keep your eyes on senior line-backer Mike Walton (5-11, 175). Last year he tallied 82 tackles and was all over the field.

Lake Havasu plays in the highly competitive 4A-1 West Valley Region against



**Prescott Coach Lou Beneitone is counting on seniors like RB/DB Keith Knudsen (#22) to deliver big plays for the Badgers this year (Paynter Pics).**

powerhouses Agua Fria, Cactus, Millennium and Peoria. Wins can be tough to come by, but the Knights (1-10 in 2006) are working hard to have more success.

The **MINGUS** Marauders have been in the 4A-2 title hunt the last couple of seasons. In 2005, Coach Bob Young guided his squad to the finale, where Mingus bowed to Palo Verde by a 15-7 count. In 2006, Mingus, seeded fifth, was eliminated by #4 Washington, 27-21, in the state quarterfinals.

Could it be that this 2007 team will produce the Marauders' first state football crown since 1997?

If that happens, you can count on running back Layton Dickerson to supply much of the firepower. As a junior, he rushed for over 1,200 yards and hit the end zone 21 times. Now a 5-11, 180-pound senior, he'll use his 4.5 speed to make life miserable for opposing teams.

And he's lucky enough to have some top-notch linemen opening the holes. Pay attention to OT/DT Aaron Hauser (6-2, 320, Sr.), OL C.J. Taylor (6-2, 210, Jr.),

OL/DL Joe Chavez (6-2, 280, Sr.), OL/DL Brad Dixon (5-10, 230, Sr.) and OL/DL Justin Schultz (5-10, 210, Sr.).

Two more honors candidates – LB Emmanuel Hernandez (5-10, 210, Sr.) and TE/DE Tim Kessel (6-4, 210, Sr.) – should be key performers for the Marauders.

Others to watch include WR/DB Tim Austill (6-0, 160), RB Trevor Jones (5-8, 170), RB/DB Tyler Thompson (5-8, 170) and LB Joe Loehr (5-9, 180) – all seniors.

Altogether, Young has 25 lettermen back from his 10-3 team of a year ago. And, by the way, the JV finished with a perfect 8-0 mark in 2006.

Be ready to battle when you play the Marauders!

**FLAGSTAFF** has a new head mentor in Eric Affholter. The Eagles will certainly miss James Brooks (our Northern Arizona Player of the Year, see page 12), but a number of capable football players are ready to step in.

How well senior quarterback Ryan Hill (6-1, 195) plays will determine a lot about the upcoming season. He's in his first full year as a starter, but he has the



## Northern 4A-2 Top 7

- 1) **Mingus Marauders** ..... **Definite Grand Canyon Region Favorites**
- 2) **Flagstaff Eagles** ..... **Affholter Takes Over Coaching Position**
- 3) **Mohave Thunderbirds** ..... **Big Guys Up Front**
- 4) **Bradshaw Mountain Bears** ..... **Buehler, Pigg Key Players**
- 5) **Sinagua Mustangs** ..... **3-8 in 2006 with Very Young Team**
- 6) **Coconino Panthers** ..... **Ragan Faces Rebuilding Year**
- 7) **Page Sand Devils** ..... **Looking to Turn Things Around**

tools to be a very good field general.

Providing protection will be the likes of senior linemen Jarrett Shughart (6-2, 235) and Lias Hastings (6-1, 200).

Other Eagles of note are RB/DB Patrick Bailey (6-0, 195), WR/DB Dillion Winiecki (6-4, 185), RB/K Jordan Brandel (5-8, 150) and RB/LB Ricardo Soto (5-9, 170) – all seniors.

Coach Al Melo and his **MOHAVE** Thunderbirds should be in the mix this time out. An imposing number (27) of returning lettermen could really make things happen in 2007.

Up front, Mohave has OL Dorrian Edwards (6-4, 260, Sr.), OL/DL Tyler Hughes (6-2, 260, Sr.) and OL/DL Gabe Munoz (6-3, 285, Sr.) to clear the way.

Randy Queen (6-0, 160, Jr.) calls the signals at quarterback, while FB/LB Cody Adams (6-2, 220, Sr.), RB Andrew Jackson (5-8, 160, Sr.), FB/LB Jay Mejia (5-10, 185, Sr.), TE/DE Tommy Taylor (6-5, 190, Sr.) and WR/LB Nick Padilla (6-1, 185, Sr.) make big plays. Kicker Matt Boyd (5-10, 160, Sr.) is also a reliable weapon.

Mohave was 6-5 in 2006. Expect good results in 2007.

We expect the Bears of **BRADSHAW MOUNTAIN** to fare better this fall.

Twenty-six lettermen are available from last year's squad (3-8) and Coach Chuck Apap will put them to good use in 2007.

Versatile Ben Pigg (5-10, 176) and powerful Matt Buehler (6-1, 220) are key seniors for Bradshaw Mountain this year. Pigg is good at just about everything he tries; he's a running back, defensive back, placekicker and punter for the Bears. He's also their fastest player. Buehler is a rock at both offensive guard and linebacker.

The quarterback could be recent transfer Marshall Bailey (6-2, 195, Jr.). Others to watch are WR/DB Justin Kilduff (5-10, 158, Sr.), RB/OLB Kevin Golleher (5-10, 180, Sr.), OL Kyle Arias (6-2, 278, Jr.), LB Steve Dutson (5-9, 203, Sr.), DT Emiliano Velazquez (5-10, 192, Sr.), DT Dillon Doucette (5-11, 327, Jr.), OG Joshua Campbell (5-8, 200, Jr.) and DT Devin Martinez (5-11, 203, So.).

"We will be very young and inexperi-

enced," says **COCONINO** Head Coach Tadd Ragan. Only six varsity veterans are slated to return for the Panthers, 2-8 in 2006.

This squad may be lacking in some positions, but there are plenty of running backs and linebackers, headed by Johnny Cordova (5-10, 180, Jr.), Lucas Hull (5-10, 170, Jr.), Isaac Hector (5-10, 160, So.), Amos Combrink (5-10, 160, So.) and Brad Nittman (5-10, 160, So.).

The starting quarterback figures to be Matt Robertson, a 6-3, 180-pound junior. His chief receivers are Eric Cordova (5-8, 140, Sr.) and Josh Shirley (6-2, 160, Sr.). The top returning lineman is Troy Drovin, a 6-3, 190-pound sophomore.

As good as Coolidge has been in recent years, **WICKENBURG** is still in the picture and deserves our utmost respect. Coach Norris Vaughan and his Wranglers battled past 13 straight rivals last year before dropping a hard-fought contest to Coolidge in the finals. Could another "Big Game Appearance" be just ahead?

Returning all-state quarterback Drew Vaughan (6-0, 174) will do his best to direct his team past the Bears in 2007. He completed 65% of his passes in 2006, good for 1,941 yards.

He has plenty of help too, thanks to 19 other lettermen back in uniform.

However, the offense returns just three starters, while the defense has eight regulars ready to go. Coach Vaughan will blend in the guys of last year's 8-0-1 JV.

Junior Blake Crissman (6-2, 225) earned all-state recognition as a sophomore tackle last fall. Sheldon Murphy (5-9, 160), another junior, is remarkable in the secondary. Senior DE Aaron Marsh (6-3, 190) could blossom into a college prospect.

Besides Crissman and Marsh, the line features DL Matt Deacon (5-10, 225, Sr.) and DE Dallas Mills (6-3, 180, Jr.). Best backer is Kellan Henderson (5-10, 185, Sr.), while the secondary is well-stocked with Jordan Pollec (5-10, 150, Jr.), Enrique Bernal (5-10, 160, Jr.) and Lane Leevitt (5-11, 160, Sr.) ready to defend. Kicker Derek

Sievert (6-0, 180, Sr.) could be the difference in close games.

**BLUE RIDGE**, 8-4 in 2006, returns a solid foundation of players from a year ago. At the top of that list is senior quarterback Bryan Williams (6-3, 190). He has started 23 games thus far for the Yellowjackets and Head Coach Paul Moro thinks he has the ability to play college football.

Moro has seen plenty of good players in his 22-year career. His overall record of 233-41 borders on the unbelievable.

Williams will have plenty of familiar faces in the huddle, namely returning regulars RB Jose Rosales (5-10, 170, Sr.), RB Steel Armstrong (6-0, 205, Jr.), RB Isaah Parker (5-9, 180, Sr.), FL Ryan Martinez (5-9, 150, Sr.), SE Sterling Wise (6-1, 185, Sr.), TE Brian Ditton (6-0, 175, Sr.) and OL Dewight Boyd (6-5, 275, Sr.), Andy Chintis (6-0, 185, Sr.) Michael Lundgren (6-0, 195, Sr.) and Justin Webb (5-11, 180, Sr.).

Williams, Armstrong, Wise, Boyd and Lundgren also start on defense, along with DE Steve Parkinson (5-11, 175, Sr.), LB Justin Herrera (5-9, 180, Sr.), SS Griffin Sturn (5-11, 165, Jr.), CB Ryan Martinez (5-9, 150) and CB Dustin Simmons (5-10, 165, Jr.).

Others to watch are Nick Donahue, Andrew Haupt, James Pacheco, George Rucker, Josh Rogerson, Tyler Beus, Hayden Jones, Clayton Lee, Daniel Mendez, Nathan Schimmel, Gerald Stead, Steven Pearson and Jose Campos.

**ROUND VALLEY** is returning to its glory days. With Coach Russ Semore at the helm, the Elks were excellent in 2006, winning 11 of 12 contests. A respectable eight lettermen are back in uniform and members of last season's 9-1 junior varsity will also make big contributions.

It's difficult to overlook standout players like Travis Trickey, a 6-4, 225-pound senior linebacker. He's among the best in the state.

His running mate at another linebacker slot is senior Tell Udall (5-9, 185), while corners Evan Hamblin (6-1, 170) and Bauer Brown (5-9, 150) are also highly regarded.

The junior class is led by QB Hayden Eager (6-3, 170) and OT Jake Ray (6-2, 220). Coach Semore has a nifty 29-9 record in his three years in Springerville. It's more of the same for Round Valley in 2007.

**WINSLOW** has put together a nice run the last couple of years. The Bulldogs reached the title game in 2005, dropping a 34-19 decision to Coolidge.

Then, last November, Winslow



advanced to the state semis, only to lose a heartbreaking 28-24 match to – you guessed it – eventual champion Coolidge.

Will this be the year the Bulldogs outlast the Coolidge Bears – and everyone else?

A good nucleus returns, paced by performers like OL/DL Joseph Larsen (6-2, 225), QB/DB John Gonzales (5-9, 165) and RB/SS Ray Grabowski (6-0, 175) – all seniors.

**SNOWFLAKE** has great speed on its side this year. Seniors Devin Peterson (5-11, 190), Logan Roger (5-9, 160), Cody Overbay (5-9, 155) and junior Matt Reidhead (5-8, 180) can all fly. All run 4.6 or better and Reidhead has clocked 10.87 in the 100 meters. Peterson and Reidhead are runners, while Roger and Overbay are receivers.

Quarterbacking the 2007 Lobos will be Nick Reidhead (5-10, 170, Sr.). Others to watch from last season's 4-7 club are OL/DL A.J. Rodriguez (6-1, 250, Sr.) and TE/LB Isaac Urling (6-2, 185, Sr.). A total of 30 lettermen return for Coach Adam Larsen.

There has been a coaching change at **SHOW LOW**. New head man Randy Ricedorff has introduced himself to 15 returning letterwinners from the 2006 group that finished 8-2.

He has five senior starters back, namely QB Jared McCarthur (5-11, 165), REC/DB Jordan Nikoulous (6-0, 180), REC/DE Derek Giger (6-1, 205), OT/DE Juston Covolt (6-1, 220) and RB/DB Phill O'Dell (6-1, 180) – all seniors.

Coach Bob David is ready for the season to begin. His **CHINO VALLEY** Cougars should be more than competitive, since 22 letterwinners are back.

Speedy Josh Clelland, a starter at wide receiver and free safety, is a player to watch. He's a 6-0, 170-pound senior with 4.5 speed.

Other skill-position players for Chino Valley are QB/DB J.J. Strickland (6-0, 170, Sr.), QB/LB Cole Whisenhunt (6-2, 175, Jr.), FB/DL Allen Feichter (6-2, 230, Sr.), TB/LB Johnny Ray Kennedy (5-9, 180, Jr.), HB/MLB Garrett Worster (5-9, 180, Jr.), WR/CB Wade Parker (5-10, 140, Jr.) and WB/CB Tyler Johnson (5-8, 170, Sr.).

Best of the big guys are OT/DL Merlin Hyland (5-11, 190, Sr.), OT/DL Cody Charlton (6-0, 220, Sr.) and C/DL Jess Feichter (6-1, 200, Jr.).

Plenty of returning tackles and running backs for Coach Josh Anderson at **PAYSON**, 4-6 last fall. The veteran linemen include honors candidate Scott Andrus (6-2, 265, Sr.), Matt Wilson (6-6, 260, Jr.) and Bryan Burke (6-5, 230, Jr.).

## Northern 3A Top 10

- 1) **Wickenburg Wranglers** .....Challenging for Top Spot
- 2) **Blue Ridge Yellowjackets** .....Williams Strong Leader at QB
- 3) **Round Valley Elks** .....11-1 Last Fall
- 4) **Winslow Bulldogs** .....Finalists in 2005, Semifinalists in 2006
- 5) **Snowflake Lobos** .....New Coach Inherits 30 Lettermen
- 6) **Show Low Cougars** .....3A East Region Contenders
- 7) **Chino Valley Cougars** .....6-4 in 2006, Better in 2007?
- 8) **Payson Longhorns** .....Big Scott Andrus Provides Power
- 9) **River Valley Dust Devils** .....Coach Bower 32-12 in 4 Years
- 10) **Tuba City Warriors** .....Coach Tate Ready for Big Year

Carrying the pigskin will be B.J. Hill (5-11, 155, Sr.), David Carlen (6-2, 205, Jr.), Shane Keith (6-2, 180, Jr.) and Brandon Alexander (5-9, 165, So.).

A dozen lettermen are back from the team that won four and lost six last fall. Other mainstays include WR/DB Zach Brooks (6-1, 165, Sr.), QB/LB Ridge Halenar (5-11, 190, Jr.) and WR/DB Tyler Savage (6-2, 195, Jr.).

Coach Barry Bower likes his team at **RIVER VALLEY**. He welcomes back 19 lettermen from a solid 7-4 unit in 2006.

And there's some real talent on his side of the field, such as RB/OLB Josh Honacer (5-8, 165, Sr.), FB/LB Matt Hilton (5-10, 176, Sr.), OL/DL Tad Sioama (6-2, 260, Jr.), FB/CL Anthony Lozoya (5-8, 170, Jr.), OL/DL Chris Cashman (6-0, 225, Sr.), WR/DB Robert Roberson (5-6, 150, Sr.) and QB/LB Jake Anselmo (5-9, 170, Jr.).

The Dust Devils were just good enough to make the playoffs last year, falling in the first round to Coolidge, the two-time defending 3A State Champions.

**TUBA CITY**, well known for its prowess on the basketball court, is gearing up for a huge 2007 season. Coach Bryan Tate, formerly of Pine View High School in St. George, Utah, is very optimistic this team can be something special. "This is the strongest, fastest team I've had since I've been here," says Tate. The Warriors were a solid 8-5 last year, losing in the first round of the 3A state playoffs to 3A East power Show Low.

Tuba City's leading players this fall should be WR/SS Jimmy Tate (6-0, 195, So.), OT/DT Vincent Begay (6-2, 275, Sr.), QB/CB Nick Curley (5-11, 185, Jr.) and WR/S Lionel Manygoats (5-11, 185, Sr.). This talented quartet has already begun to receive individual recognition and Coach Tate is counting on them to help move his club forward in the standings.

Others to watch include OG Chris Martinez (5-11, 210, Sr.), TE/MLB

Antonio Juarez (6-0, 210, Sr.), OT/DT Alden Bennett (6-1, 265, Sr.), C Zac Curley (6-1, 255, So.), OG/DE Calvin Putsoy (6-1, 255, Jr.), OG/DE Duane Molina (6-2, 285, Jr.), TB/CB Ty Nocideneh (5-11, 175, Jr.) and FB/MLB Michael Dee (5-11, 235, Jr.).

Justin Colorado, Justin Daw, Herschel Nez, Ryan Yazzie, Preston Paddock and Jeremiah Greason will also contribute.

**HOLBROOK** has moved from the 3A East to the 3A North this year. "We're in a new region, so I'm not familiar with the teams," says Head Coach Terry Farmer.

He'll have impressive numbers – 30 letterwinners, 18 starters – back from last season's 2-8 squad. Will that experience and playing in a new region help the Roadrunners? We'll see.

Farmer's best returning players are RB/LB Carlos Baiela (5-8, 150, Sr.), RB/LB Adrian Perkins (5-8, 175, So.), OL/DL Ryan Best (5-10, 260, Jr.), OL/DL Morti Jim (5-10, 220, Jr.), RB/LB Richard Serna (5-9, 135, Sr.), WR/DB Marcos Serna (5-8, 140, Jr.), TE/DE Bubba Page (6-1, 185, Jr.), WR/DB Marcus Castillo (5-8, 140, So.), RB/DE Scott Tafoya (6-0, 170, So.) and OL/DL Tyrell Sulu (5-9, 220, Jr.).

Holbrook has a chance to be much improved.

**ALCHESAY** split its 10-game schedule last year and has eight starters still available from that group. Lining up against 3A East rivals Blue Ridge, Payson, Round Valley, Show Low and Snowflake is no bargain, but Coach Brandon Newcomb has the Falcons playing hard.

The offensive backfield features QB Harold Quintero (6-0, 170), RB Warren Quintero (5-10, 165), junior FB Frank Larzslere (5-9, 185), RB Ellard Walker (6-0, 180) and junior RB Hobert Walker (6-0, 190).

Senior Carley Edwards (5-9, 215) is a good target at tight end, while SS Vancelor Edwards (5-9, 165, Sr.) helps anchor the secondary. Noteworthy linemen are Josh Johnson (5-9, 205), McKale



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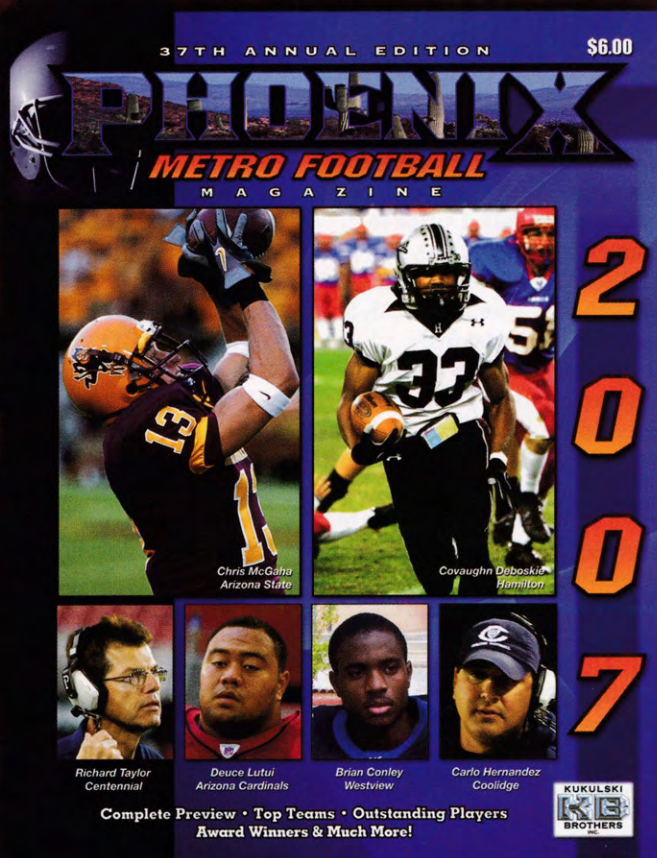
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## Northern 2A Top 5

- 1) **St. Johns Redskins** .....Well-Balanced Team
- 2) **Camp Verde Cowboys**.....Baca Great Prep Running Back
- 3) **Valley Pirates** .....Yellowhorse Great Prep Running Back
- 4) **Hopi Bruins**.....New Coach Welcomes 11 Varsity Veterans
- 5) **Red Mesa Redskins** .....Competing in Rugged 2A North Region

Parrish (5-10, 225) and Elias Walker (6-1, 280). All three are seniors and play on both sides of the line of scrimmage.

**PARKER** has a top-notch quarterback running its offense again this season. Senior Cel Hernandez (5-9, 170) registered some good numbers last year (1,128 yards passing, good for 10 touchdowns); he'll attempt to improve on those stats in 2007.

**ST. JOHNS** is always a contender for region and state titles. This year will be no different.

Coach Mike Morgan has been on the job for 18 years at St. Johns and his record is amazing (176-31-2). His Redskins (9-3 last fall) advanced to the state quarterfinals in 2006, losing a tight 21-18 battle to Phoenix Christian.

His top returning player could be a junior; that's RB/LB Shad Bride, a 6-0, 190-pounder. He'll share carries with Sterling Stradling (6-0, 170, Sr.), Troy Six (5-8, 150, Sr.) and Kyle Hauser (6-0, 165, Jr.). The quarterbacking duties likely will go to either senior Randall Raban (5-11, 160) or junior Byron Wahl (6-2, 190). Junior Daniel Waite (6-1, 170) leads the group of receivers.

Two-way linemen Jake Duthie (6-0, 185, Sr.), Randy Brook (5-8, 200, Sr.), Joel Sullivan (6-1, 190, Sr.), Kenny Cuiriz (6-1, 230, So.) and Mark Carter (5-10, 235, So.) are invaluable to the Redskins.

What a plus for **CAMP VERDE** to have senior Damien Baca (5-11, 185) back for another year. As a junior in 2006, Baca sprinted for 1,800 yards and 24 TDs rushing, as the Cowboys won 9 of 12 outings.

Nine other lettermen return from that team for Coach Luke Steege. Besides Baca, his mainstays this season should be RB/S Will Trahin (5-11, 185, Sr.), OL/DL Matt Weber (6-3, 270, Sr.), OL/DL Ben Hauser (6-1, 230, Sr.), LB Randy Rezzonico (6-0, 195, Sr.), WR/DB Brendan Nelson (5-11, 165, Sr.), WR/DB Ritchie Watson (5-11, 145, Jr.) OL/DL Wally Saylors (6-0, 270, Jr.) and OL/DL Ryan Carrol (6-1, 185, Jr.).

This should be one of Steege's best teams in his eight-year tenure at Camp Verde.

**VALLEY** has breakaway back Micheal

Yellowhorse (6-0, 185) returning for his junior season. He was definitely a super soph in 2006, rushing for nearly 1,700 yards. Yellowhorse was very instrumental in leading the Pirates to a fine 7-4 seasonal mark. He'll get some help from OL/DL Bryant Billy, who totaled 75 tackles a year ago.

**HOPi** couldn't quite get things going last year and the Bruins concluded the season with a 2-7 slate. New Head Coach Ben Willey is working hard to put those losses in the past.

"We'll be young, but we have good talent and more numbers than in recent years," says Willey. "Moving down to the 2A North should help our program immensely. We should be very competitive."

Hopi's top prospects for the 2007 campaign are QB/LB Jerry Johns (5-8, 175, Sr.), QB/RB/DE Roper Crook (5-11, 185, Sr.), FB/OT/DE Garrett Kalemisa (5-9, 220, Sr.), RB/FS Tony Pawesiema (5-8, 165, Jr.), TE/DE Trevor Crook (5-9, 175, So.), C/DL Mekael Scott (5-9, 180, Jr.), RB/CB Bryan Pawesiema (5-8, 165, So.), FB/LB Lani Ackley (5-8, 165, So.), OT/DT Desmond Lomayaktewa (5-10, 200, So.) and RB/CB Erick Kallestewa (5-8, 165, So.).

It could be a big year for the Wildcats of **JOSEPH CITY**, where a deep group of 22 lettermen return for Coach Bob Corbin. This club was good (7-2) a year ago and, with so much talent and experience on hand, the months ahead could be really interesting.

The best of the bunch are RB/LB Sean DeWitt (6-1, 205, Sr.), TE/DE Cory Thellmann (6-3, 190, Jr.), RB/DB Zack Baldwin (5-8, 170, So.), RB/DB Jared

Arder (5-8, 160, Jr.), C/DT Ryan Bray (5-10, 190, Jr.), OG/DL A.J. Taylor (5-11, 185, Sr.), OG/LB Chris Coppinger (6-0, 205, So.), QB/LB William Bain (6-0, 190, Sr.), TE/DE Spencer Baldwin (6-5, 215, So.), OG/DE William Griffith (6-1, 185, Sr.), OL/DL Alexander Paddock (5-10, 283, Jr.) and WR/DB Braden Hansen (5-9, 165, So.).

Corbin expects Jo City to compete with Williams, Mogollon, Valley Lutheran, Pima, Valley Union and Bagdad for state honors.

**MAYER** has 11 letterwinners back from its 1A State Championship team of a year ago. That group includes four returning regulars.

They are B/DB Aaron Want (5-9, 155, Jr.), OL/DE Jon Langdon (6-2, 230, Sr.), B/LB Luke O'Sullivan (5-10, 170, Sr.) and OL/DL Justin Van Horne (5-9, 175, Sr.).

Rick Lashley is the new head coach, after serving previously as an assistant for the Wildcats. Repeating an undefeated, state championship season is a daunting task, but Mayer has a fine football program. And they just might do it.

**BAGDAD** went 5-5 last year under the guidance of first-year Head Coach Bill Godsil. The Sultans are counting on 10 returning starters to lead them to higher ground this time out.

Headliners are RB/LB Gavin Beaudry (6-0, 190, Sr.), QB/DB Gaige McKean (6-1, 165, Jr.), OL/DL Jarret Yargus (6-2, 190, Jr.), RB/DB Trystian Knauer (5-6, 145, Sr.) and RB/LB Tony Dominguez (5-10, 170, Jr.).

Senior TB/LB Yoon Kim (6-1, 210) leads a nice contingent of veterans back in uniform at **ORME**. The Warriors were okay in 2006, finishing with a 4-5 ledger. Better days are just ahead.

Besides Kim, the offense features TE Alike Lemmon (6-5, 185, So.), FB J'Artagnon Coney-Robinson (5-8, 160, Sr.) and TB Spencer Sutherland (6-0, 155, Sr.), in addition to linemen Julian Gradhoff (6-3, 235, Sr.), Buddy Murray (5-11, 295, Sr.) and Michael Lonney (5-10, 175, Sr.).

Junior cornerback Chris Erickson (5-9, 150) is a playmaker in the secondary.

## Northern 1A Top 6

- 1) **Joseph City Wildcats** .....7-2 in 2006, 22 Letterwinners Back
- 2) **Mayer Wildcats** .....Defending 1A State Champions
- 3) **Williams Vikings** .....Moving from 2A North to 1A North
- 4) **Bagdad Sultans** .....Coach Godsil Returns for Second Year
- 5) **Mogollon Mustangs** .....1A State Finalists a Year Ago
- 6) **Orme Warriors** .....Kim Paces Dangerous Squad



## Remembering Dick Stuart

By David Kukulski

Next year, I'll celebrate my 30th year in the sports publishing business. Over the course of my career, I've worked with many school administrators, athletic directors and coaches at the high school level, as well as athletic department managers, sports information personnel and coaches at the collegiate level.

And I've worked with a number of top-flight people in advertising sales. If you're not in the publishing business, it would be nearly impossible for you to know just how important advertisers are to any publication.

When Barry Sollenberger started the Phoenix Metro Football Magazine 37 years ago, he called upon his business friends and acquaintances for advertising support. He called school district officials, athletic directors and coaches. He relied on school booster clubs for the dollars to breathe life into his magazine.

And the community responded! Two years after Barry's death, people like Janie Riddle, Bill Bailey, Jerry Kleven, Cathy Downing, Dave Young, Leroy Gaintner, Mark Matsock, Rich Reid, Michael Lewis, Paul Edge, Kris Hjerpe, Dave Berman and Larry Markichevich – just to name a few – are still supporting these publications that mean so much to so many people.

And so are officials from school districts and individual high schools. From the fall of 1991 until the end of 2006, that was Dick Stuart's specialty.

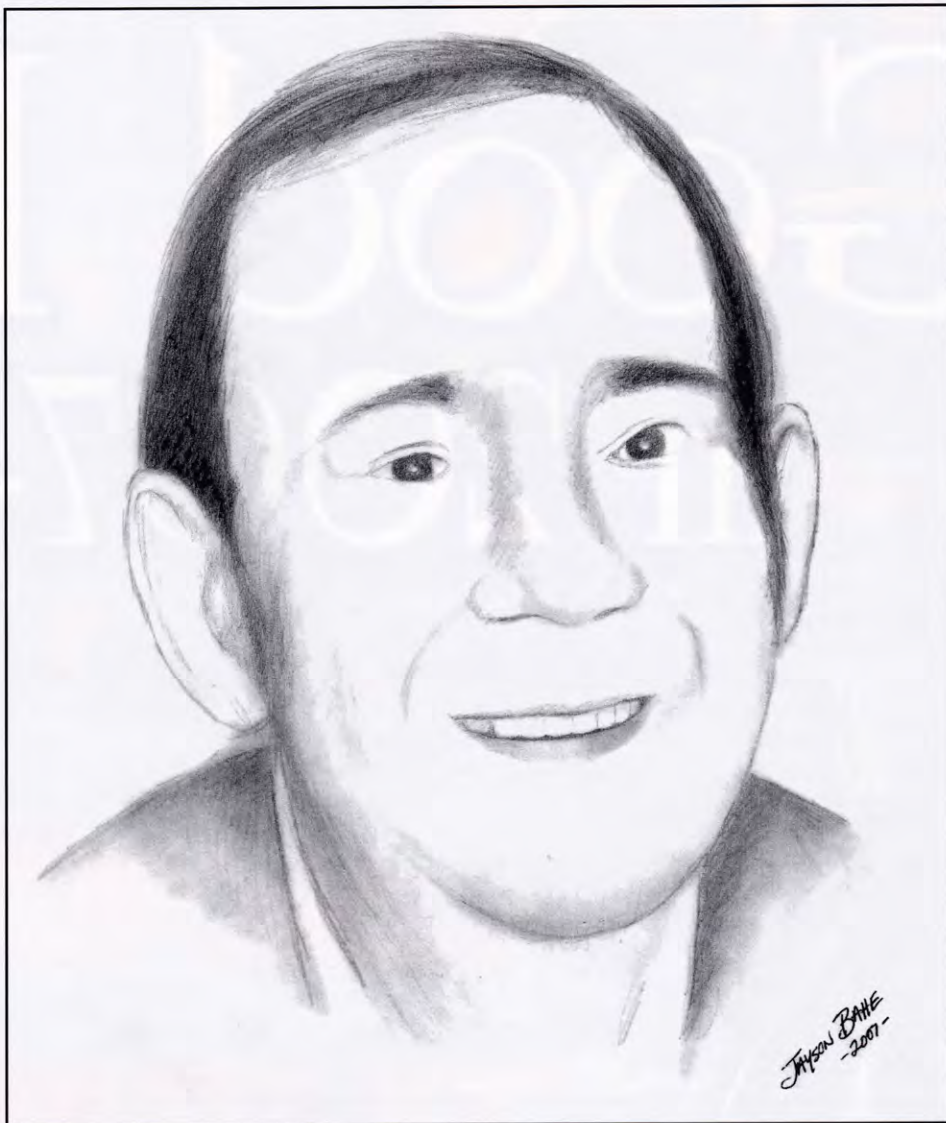
Together we worked on State Championship Programs in Arizona, Colorado, New Mexico, California, Nevada and Connecticut. I put the books together after Dick sold most of the ads.

A call just up the street to his beloved Brophy Prep was often followed by one to Flagstaff High and then by dozens more to Denver, San Diego and Las Vegas. Dick was absolutely relentless.

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Dick was always willing to go the extra mile to help our publications get to press. As the years went by, regardless of his health, he kept making those calls.

Thanks, Dick, for everything you did. Your contributions to high school sports in Arizona, to the Fiesta Bowl and so on were truly outstanding.

And, I of all people know, the only reason Dick isn't working the phones right now is we lost him on December 16, 2006, when he suddenly passed away at the age of 69.

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2002	Rodger Schenks, Globe
2001	Richard Sanchez, Sunnyside
2000	Jimmy Jones, Red Mountain
1999	Ron Estabrook, Chaparral
1998	Jim Rattay, Desert Vista
1997	Bob Young, Mingus Union
1996	Paul Moro, Blue Ridge
1995	Richard Gray, Arizona Boys Ranch
1994	Doug Shaffer, Horizon
1993	Mike Morgan, St. Johns
1992	Jim Beall, Snowflake
1991	Tom Wheatley, Agua Fria
1990	Jeff Scurran, Sabino
1989	Gary Venturo, Corona del Sol
1988	Jerry Loper, Westwood
1987	Mike Clark, Dobson
1986	Jim Rattay, Mesa
1985	Jim Bevell, Chaparral
1984	Pat Farrell, St. Mary's
1983	Jesse Parker, Mesa Mountain View
1982	Earl Putman, Moon Valley
1981	Richard Gray, Horizon
1980	Karl Kiefer, McClintock
1979	Vern Friedli, Amphitheater
1978	Dan Dunn, Gilbert
1977	Jim Russum, Casa Grande
1976	Ed Anderson, Coronado
1975	Jerry Loper, Amphitheater



***Centennial's Richard Taylor***

1974	Bill Epperson, Coconino
1973	Van Howe, Palo Verde
1972	Harvey Keeney, Miami
1971	Ollie Mayfield, Tucson
1970	Ed Hubbard, Pima
1969	Ray Laing, Central
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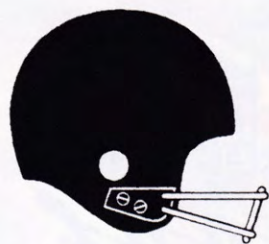
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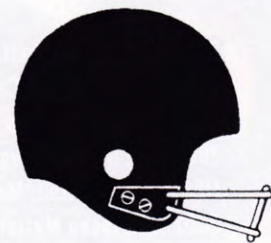


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 2002 ..... Jason Murietta, Ironwood  
 2001 ..... Mike Nixon, Sunnyslope  
 TIE ..... Kellen Bradley, Scottsdale Saguaro  
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 1999 ..... John Beck, Mesa Mountain View  
 1998 ..... John Rattay, Desert Vista [jr]  
 1997 ..... Richard Lucero, South Mountain  
 1996 ..... Todd Mortenson, Tempe  
 1995 ..... Ryan Kealy, St. Mary's  
 1994 ..... Chris Snyder, Sunnyslope  
 1993 ..... Jason Maas, Yuma  
 1992 ..... Jason Verdugo, Canyon del Oro  
 1991 ..... Anthony Sanders, Santa Rita  
 1990 ..... Grady Benton, Mesa  
 1989 ..... Aaron Santini, Santa Rita  
 1988 ..... Bret Powers, Cactus  
 1987 ..... John Bonds, St. Mary's  
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# QUARTERBACK

## Of The Year



# PHILLIP AHOLT

Arizona High School Quarterback of the Year, Phillip Aholt, was selected by the editorial staff of the Phoenix Metro, Northern Arizona and Southern Arizona Football Magazines. He is pictured here with Cactus Shadows Head Football Coach Chad DeGrenier [left].





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# 5A-1 State Championship Bracket

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Fri., Nov. 17th

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**Mesa Mt. View (#1)**

**Casa Grande (#16)**

**Corona del Sol (#8)**

**Desert Vista (#9)**

**Brophy Prep (#5)**

**Gilbert (#12)**

**Chandler (#4)**

**St. Mary's (#13)**

**Basha (#3)**

**Highland (#14)**

**Salpointe Catholic (#6)**

**Mesa (#11)**

**Red Mountain (#7)**

**Horizon (#10)**

**Hamilton (#2)**

**Mountain Ridge (#15)**

**Mesa Mt. View**

**(57-7)**

**Desert Vista**

**(42-7)**

**Brophy Prep**

**(34-6)**

**Chandler**

**(49-20)**

**Basha**

**(14-10)**

**Salpointe**

**(28-7)**

**Horizon**

**(24-20)**

**Hamilton**

**(46-21)**

**Mesa Mt. View**

**(28-21)**

McClintock HS  
7:00 pm

**Chandler**

**(35-19)**

**Basha**

**(10-7)**

Chandler HS  
7:00 pm

**Hamilton**

**(42-7)**

**Mesa Mt. View**

**(22-7)**

Univ. of Phoenix  
Stadium  
5:00pm

**Hamilton**

**(34-8)**

**Hamilton**

**(34-15)**



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# 5A-2 State Championship Bracket

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Fri., Nov. 10th

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Fri., Nov. 24th

Sat., Dec. 2nd

**Centennial (#1)**

**Shadow Mountain (#16)**

**Deer Valley (#8)**

**Barry Goldwater (#9)**

**Peoria (#5)**

**South Mountain (#12)**

**Central (#4)**

**Tolleson (#13)**

**North Canyon (#3)**

**Paradise Valley (#14)**

**Ironwood (#6)**

**Marcos de Niza (#11)**

**Westview (#7)**

**Marana Mt. View (#10)**

**Sunnyside (#2)**

**Desert Ridge (#15)**

**Centennial**

**(34-0)**

**Goldwater**

**(29-28)**

**Peoria**

**(56-27)**

**Tolleson**

**(45-17)**

**North Canyon**

**(21-10)**

**MDN**

**(32-13)**

**Westview**

**(35-19)**

**Sunnyside**

**(54-14)**

**Centennial**

**(49-7)**

Glendale CC  
7:00 pm

**Peoria**

**(33-13)**

**MDN**

**(13-10)**

Flowing Wells HS  
7:00 pm

**Sunnyside**

**(13-3)**

**Centennial**

**(51-7)**

Univ. of Phoenix  
Stadium  
5:00 pm

**Centennial**

**(34-0)**

**Sunnyside**

**(21-14)**



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# Familiar Names Dominate 2006 Finals

## But Newcomers Centennial, Cactus Shadows Emerge as First-Time Champs



*It's off to the races for Coolidge running back T.J. White (#3) in the Bears' 28-21 victory over Wickenburg in the 3A title game. Cactus Shadows wide receiver Kyle Watkins (#44) turned in one of the most dynamic performances in Arizona football state finals history, grabbing 21 passes, as the Falcons upended Higley, 28-14, in the 4A-2 finale (Paynter Pics).*

By David Kukulski

If you follow prep football in Arizona, you're familiar with the teams from Hamilton, Saguario, Coolidge, Thatcher and Mayer.

Hamilton ... the Huskies have been in the big-school finals five of the last six years, winning the top prize three times.

Saguario ... a couple of appearances in the finals, with one state football crown before 2006.

Coolidge ... this 3A powerhouse now has seven titles in 10 championship games ... will be going for a Three-Peat in 2007.

Thatcher ... six championships in eight

title game appearances ... the Eagles constantly battle for 2A honors.

Mayer ... two championships, seven finales in school history for the Wildcats.

So, when the 2006 season ended and the AIA awarded these clubs their beautiful trophies, it was a terrific accomplishment.

It was a proud moment in school history.

But, for the administrators, faculty, students, coaches, players and fans at Centennial and Cactus Shadows, last season was a breakthrough year.

You see, the Coyotes and Falcons, respectively, had never walked away with a state championship trophy in football before.

Not only that, but Coach Richard Taylor at Centennial and Coach Chad DeGrenier at Cactus Shadows guided their teams to perfect seasons – Centennial was 14-0 and Cactus Shadows finished 15-0. The only other undefeated prep football team last year was 1A champ Mayer.

So, congratulations to all seven champions. You gave us a lot of thrills in 2006. The quality of play continues to improve in the Grand Canyon State.

And, to Centennial and Cactus Shadows, welcome to the party! Now the fun really starts – trying to defend those titles.

Let the games begin!

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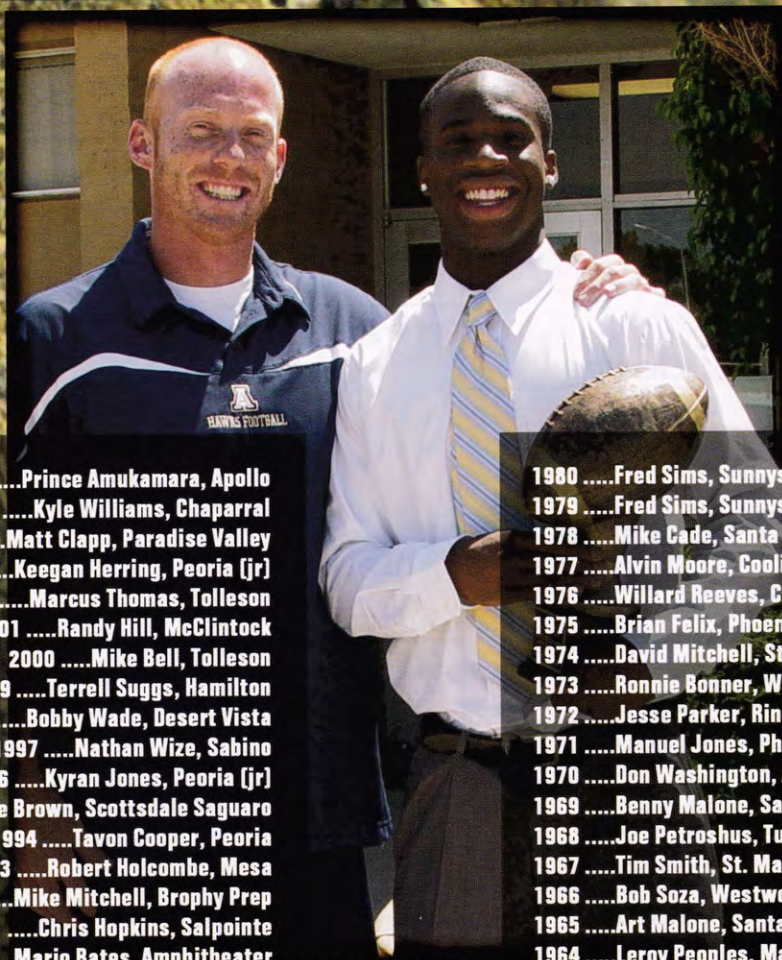
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with Apollo Head Football Coach Zack Threadgill [left].



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2005 .....Kyle Williams, Chaparral  
2004 .....Matt Clapp, Paradise Valley  
2003 .....Keegan Herring, Peoria (jr)  
2002 .....Marcus Thomas, Tolleson  
2001 .....Randy Hill, McClintock  
2000 .....Mike Bell, Tolleson  
1999 .....Terrell Suggs, Hamilton  
1998 .....Bobby Wade, Desert Vista  
1997 .....Nathan Wize, Sabino  
1996 .....Kyran Jones, Peoria (jr)  
1995 .....Mike Brown, Scottsdale Saguaro  
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1993 .....Robert Holcombe, Mesa  
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1978 .....Mike Cade, Santa Cruz  
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1959 .....Bob Olson, South Mountain  
1958 .....Lewis Albright, Scottsdale  
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**Sabino (#1)**

**McClintock (#16)**

**Ironwood Ridge (#8)**

**Canyon Del Oro (#9)**

**Chaparral (#5)**

**Apollo (#12)**

**Cienega (#4)**

**Marana (#13)**

**Saguaro (#3)**

**Nogales (#14)**

**Cactus (#6)**

**Sahuaro (#11)**

**Independence (#7)**

**Prescott (#10)**

**Agua Fria (#2)**

**Rincon (#15)**

**Sabino**

**(42-0)**

**Ironwood R.**

**(20-0)**

**Chaparral**

**(35-28 OT)**

**Cienega**

**(41-27)**

**Saguaro**

**(42-14)**

**Cactus**

**(34-33)**

**Prescott**

**(20-13)**

**Agua Fria**

**(49-17)**

**Sabino**

**(42-3)**

Tucson HS  
7:00 pm

**Chaparral**

**(44-12)**

**Sabino**

**(24-14)**

Univ. of Phoenix  
Stadium  
1:00 pm

**Saguaro**

**(41-21)**

**Saguaro**

**(38-15)**

SD O'Connor HS  
7:00 pm

**Saguaro**

**(56-20)**

**Agua Fria**

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**Desert Edge (#16)**

**Buckeye (#8)**

**Queen Creek (#9)**

**Mingus (#5)**

**Notre Dame Prep (#12)**

**Washington (#4)**

**Coronado (#13)**

**Arcadia (#3)**

**Glendale (#14)**

**Apache Junction (#6)**

**Flagstaff (#11)**

**Palo Verde (#7)**

**Sunnyslope (#10)**

**Higley (#2)**

**Bradshaw Mountain (#15)**

**C. Shadows**

**(45-7)**

**Queen Creek**

**(20-0)**

**Mingus**

**(41-27)**

**Washington**

**(42-41 OT)**

**Arcadia**

**(13-10)**

**Apache Jct.**

**(15-12)**

**Sunnyslope**

**(17-14)**

**Higley**

**(14-7)**

**C. Shadows**

**(38-19)**

SD O'Connor HS  
7:00 pm

**Washington**

**(27-21)**

**Apache Jct.**

**(21-6)**

Dobson HS  
7:00 pm

**Higley**

**(30-7)**

**C. Shadows**

**(35-12)**

Univ. of Phoenix  
Stadium  
1:00 pm

**C. Shadows**

**(28-14)**

**Higley**

**(19-7)**



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# Congratulations To **ARIZONA'S RECEIVER OF THE YEAR**

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.....Hamilton  
2005 .....T.J. CAMPBELL  
.....Sunnyslope  
2004 .....CHRIS McGAHA  
.....Moon Valley  
2003 .....ZACH MILLER  
.....Desert Vista  
2002 .....THOMAS HUFF  
.....Camelback  
2001 .....ADAM MANNON  
.....Hamilton  
.....JOSH JORDAN  
.....Chandler (jr)  
2000 .....JUNIOR TAYLOR  
.....Mesa  
1999 .....SAMMY MOORE  
.....Westwood  
1998 .....BRISTOL OLOMUA  
.....Red Mountain  
1997 .....JASON JENKINS  
.....South Mountain  
1996 .....JUSTIN TAPLIN  
.....Tempe Union  
1995 .....TARIQ McDONALD  
.....St. Mary's  
1994 .....KENNY MITCHELL  
.....Peoria  
1993 .....KENNY CHEATHAM  
.....South Mountain  
1992 .....FREDDIE DODSON  
.....Chandler  
1991 .....STEVE BUSH  
.....Paradise Valley  
1990 .....JASON BIRDSONG  
.....Cactus  
1989 .....JASON BIRDSONG  
.....Cactus (jr)  
1988 .....ERIC DRAGE  
.....Santa Rita  
1987 .....ORLANDO MCKAY  
.....Mesa  
1986 .....ERIC GULIFORD  
.....Peoria (jr)



**2006 RECIPIENT KERRY TAYLOR  
OF HAMILTON HIGH**

1985 .....STEVE MARTIN  
.....Tucson Sahuaro  
1984 .....TODD YOUNG  
.....Marcos de Niza  
1983 .....VINCE MASTERS  
.....Coolidge (jr)  
1982 .....RANDALL McDANIEL  
.....Agua Fria  
1981 .....GLENN DENNARD  
.....Corona del Sol  
1980 .....SKIP PEETE  
.....Tucson Sahuaro  
1979 .....JAY DOBYNS  
.....Tucson Sahuaro  
1978 .....JUNIOR SOLOMON  
.....Coolidge  
1977 .....CHARLES COBBS  
.....Florence  
1976 .....JOHN MISTLER  
.....Tucson Sahuaro  
1975 .....RON WASHINGTON  
.....McClintock  
1974 .....SPEEDY HART  
.....St. Mary's  
1973 .....PRESTON DENNARD  
.....Marcos de Niza  
1972 .....DON WOODS  
.....Mesa  
1971 .....WILLIE SCROGGINS  
.....Safford  
1970 .....DARION GILBERT  
.....Phoenix Union  
1969 .....LARRY SHORTY  
.....Santa Cruz  
1968 .....ED WEATHERSPOON  
.....Globe  
1967 .....CALVIN DEMERY  
.....South Mountain  
1966 .....MIKE BOWLING  
.....Agua Fria  
1965 .....BILL DIPLEY  
.....Arcadia (jr)

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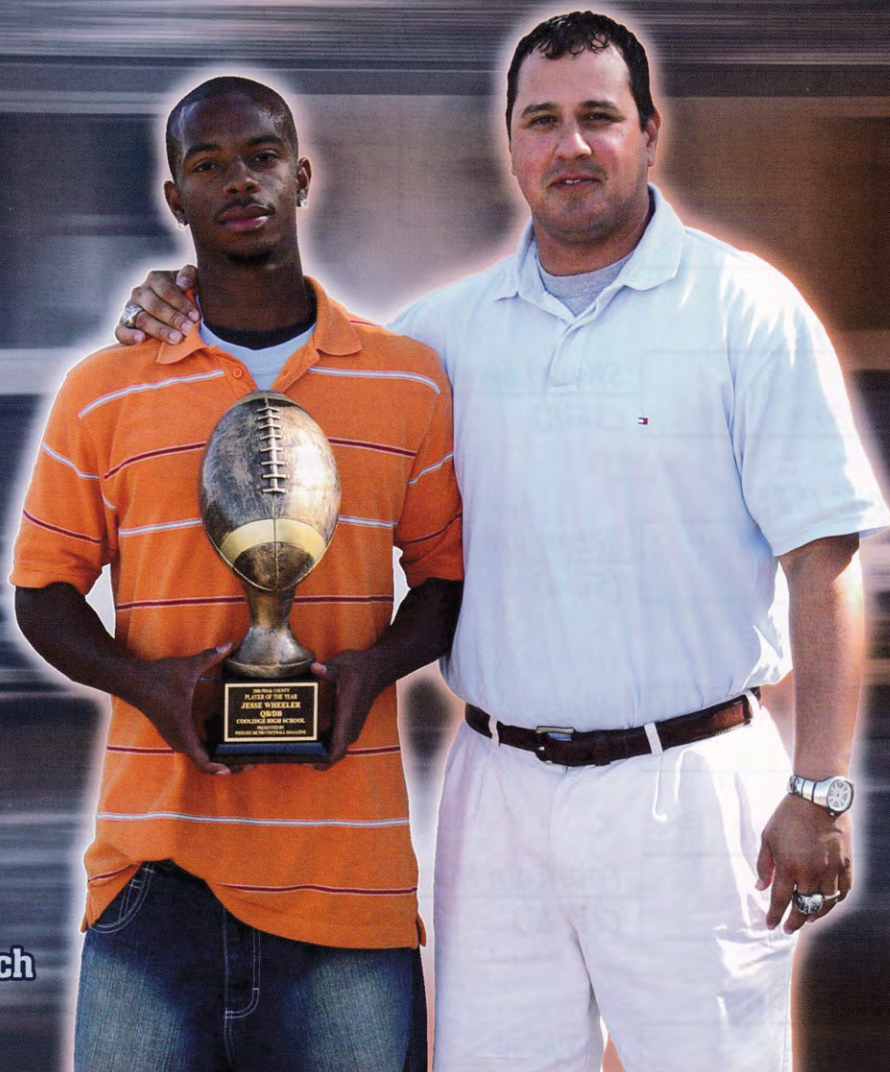
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*Saluting*

# JESSE WHEELER

of the Coolidge Bears



**QB/DB**

**Jesse Wheeler**

is shown with

**Coolidge Head Coach**

**Carlo Hernandez**

## The Pinal County Player of the Year for 2006

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# 3A State Championship Bracket

2006 Season in Review, Sponsored by Blue Cross Blue Shield

Fri., Nov. 3rd

Fri., Nov. 10th

Fri., Nov. 17th

Fri., Nov. 24th

**Wickenburg (W#1)**

**Sahuarita (S#4)**

**Monument Valley (N#2)**

**Blue Ridge (E#3)**

**Show Low (E#2)**

**Tuba City (N#3)**

**Seton Catholic (S#1)**

**Parker (W#4)**

**Winslow (N#1)**

**Snowflake (E#4)**

**Fountain Hills (W#2)**

**Safford (S#3)**

**Coolidge (S#2)**

**River Valley (W#3)**

**Round Valley (E#1)**

**Window Rock (N#4)**

**Wickenburg**

**(21-12)**

**Blue Ridge**

**(35-14)**

**Show Low**

**(56-8)**

**Seton Catholic**

**(56-6)**

**Winslow**

**(39-27)**

**Fountain Hills**

**(27-20)**

**Coolidge**

**(50-7)**

**Round Valley**

**(48-0)**

**Wickenburg**

**(26-23)**

Mesa CC  
5:00 pm

**Seton Catholic**

**(20-19)**

**Winslow**

**(34-14)**

Mesa CC  
8:00 pm

**Coolidge**

**(50-21)**

**Wickenburg**

**(28-23)**

McClintock HS  
7:00 pm

**Coolidge**

**(28-24)**

**Coolidge**

**(28-21)**



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# 2A State Championship Bracket

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Fri., Nov. 3rd

Fri., Nov. 10th

Sat., Nov. 18th

Sat., Nov. 25th

**Thatcher (E#1)**

**Pusch Ridge Chr. (C#3)**

**Camp Verde (N#2)**

**Yuma Catholic (W#2)**

**Bisbee (E#2)**

**Arizona Lutheran (M#3)**

**Hayden (C#1)**

**Williams (N#3)**

**Antelope (W#1)**

**Bourgade Catholic (M#4)**

**Valley Christian (M#1)**

**Willcox (E#3)**

**Phoenix Christian (M#2)**

**San Manuel (C#2)**

**St. Johns (N#1)**

**Maricopa (W#3)**

**Thatcher**

**(46-6)**

**Camp Verde**

**(48-35)**

**Bisbee**

**(33-15)**

**Hayden**

**(49-0)**

**Bourgade**

**(46-21)**

**Valley Chr.**

**(35-6)**

**Phx Christian**

**(54-8)**

**St. Johns**

**(56-7)**

**Thatcher**

**(45-12)**

McClintock HS  
2:00 pm

**Hayden**

**(28-8)**

**Valley Chr.**

**(54-20)**

McClintock HS  
5:00 pm

**Phx Christian**

**(21-18)**

**Thatcher**

**(40-7)**

McClintock HS  
2:00 pm

**Valley Chr.**

**(9-6)**

**Thatcher**

**(42-20)**



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2006 Recipient  
**Glenn Love**  
of Hamilton High

- 2006..... Glenn Love, Hamilton
- 2005..... Jonathan Ott, Mountain Ridge (jr)
- 2004..... Austin Martin, Mountain Ridge
- 2003..... Myrio Davis, Hamilton
- 2002..... Adam Patterson, St. Johns
- 2001..... Mike Nixon, Sunnyslope
- 2000..... Chaz Scott, Hamilton
- 1999..... Marcus Thurman, Desert Vista
- 1998..... Bobby Wade, Desert Vista
- 1997..... Brandon Falkner, Peoria
- 1996..... Rashad Bauman, South Mountain
- 1995..... Mike Brown, Scottsdale Saguaro
- 1994..... Eric Johnson, Alhambra
- 1993..... Corey Hill, Sabino
- 1992..... Mitchell Freedman, Maryvale
- 1991..... James Richardson, Bradshaw Mountain (jr)
- 1990..... Eddie Cade, Santa Cruz
- 1989..... Billy Burris, Florence
- 1988..... Mike Salmon, Greenway
- 1987..... Tyrone Byrd, Chandler
- 1986..... Nathan LaDuke, Alhambra
- 1985..... Cleveland Colter Jr., McClintock
- 1984..... John Giaspie, Central
- 1983..... Anthony Parker, McClintock
- 1982..... Chuck Nixon, Shadow Mountain
- 1981..... Shawn Benson, Mesa Mountain View
- 1980..... George Duarte, Sunnyside (jr)
- 1979..... Mossy Cade, Santa Cruz
- 1978..... Jeff Colter, Amphitheater
- 1977..... Charles Cobbs, Florence
- 1976..... Felix Kelson, South Mountain
- 1975..... David Given, McClintock
- 1974..... Harold Smith, Florence
- 1973..... Rob Wilson, Coronado
- 1972..... Carl Russell, McNary
- 1971..... Danny Smith, Safford (jr)
- 1970..... Derral Davis, Tucson
- 1969..... Dick Harris, Westwood (jr)
- 1968..... Joe Petroskus, Tucson
- 1967..... Rudy Quihuis, Pueblo
- 1966..... Bill Diple, Arcadia
- 1965..... Bill Diple, Arcadia (jr)
- 1964..... LeRoy Peoples, Marana
- 1963..... Earliest Nelson, South Mountain
- 1962..... James Dugan, Flagstaff (jr)
- 1961..... Elby Bushong, Washington
- 1960..... Luther Harper, Phoenix Union
- 1959..... Jim Sims, Tucson (jr)

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**Football Magazines**



# 1A State Championship Bracket

2006 Season in Review, Sponsored by Blue Cross Blue Shield

Fri., Oct. 27th

Sat., Nov. 4th

Sat., Nov. 11th

**Canyon State (C#1)**

**Ft. Thomas (SE#3)**

**Mogollon (N#2)**

**Valley Union (SE#2)**

**Pima (SE#1)**

**Bagdad (C#3)**

**Superior (C#2)**

**Mayer (N#1)**

**Canyon State**

**(54-20)**

Apache Junction HS  
7:30 pm

**Mogollon**

**(52-32)**

**Pima**

**(52-8)**

Apache Junction HS  
4:30 pm

**Mayer**

**(62-6)**

**Mogollon**

**(52-14)**

Apache Junction HS  
7:00 pm

**Mayer**

**(28-20)**

**Mayer**

**(52-38)**



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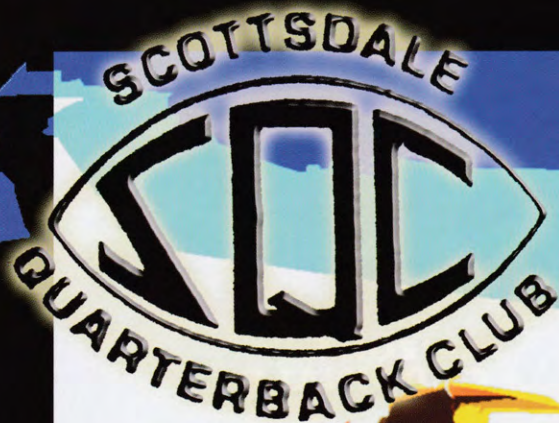
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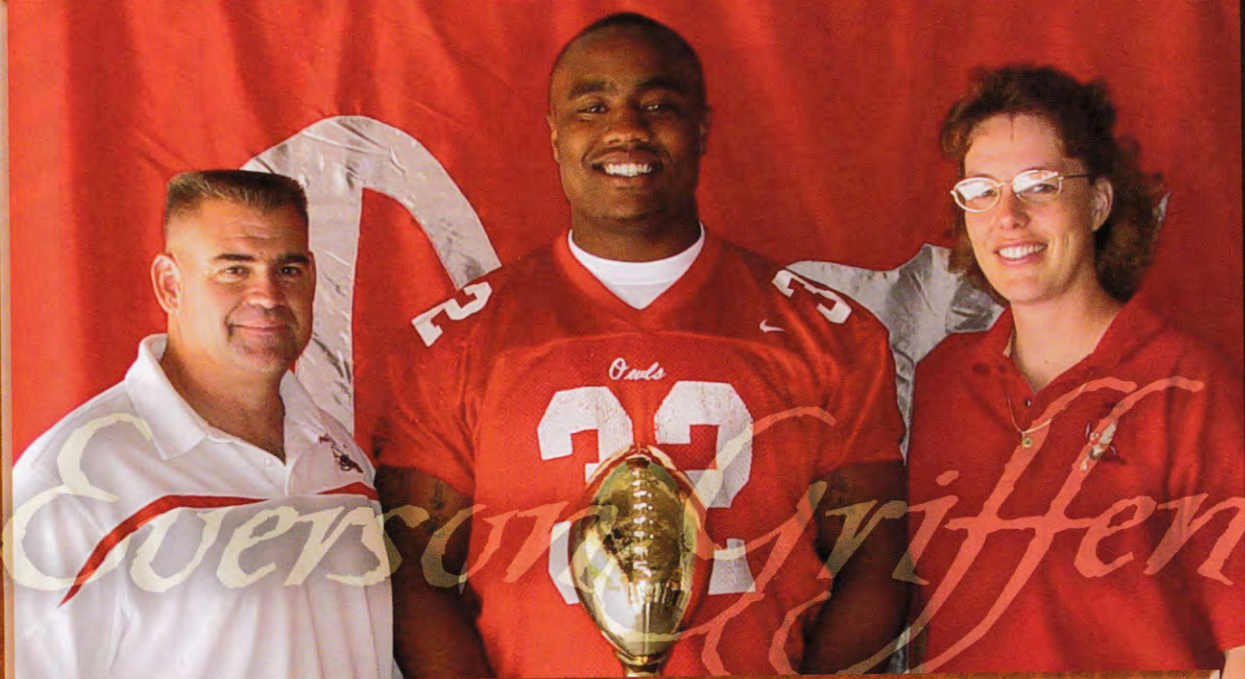
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# ARIZONA'S HIGH SCHOOL *Player of the Year*



ARIZONA HIGH SCHOOL PLAYER OF THE YEAR, EVERSON GRIFFEN, WAS SELECTED BY THE EDITORIAL STAFF OF THE PHOENIX METRO, NORTHERN ARIZONA AND SOUTHERN ARIZONA FOOTBALL MAGAZINES. HE IS PICTURED HERE WITH AGUA FRIA'S HEAD FOOTBALL COACH KELLY EPLEY (LEFT) AND ATHLETIC DIRECTOR STEPHANIE VAUGHN (RIGHT).

2006 .....EVERSON GRIFFEN .....AGUA FRIA (RB/DL)	1994 .....TAVON COOPER .....PEORIA (RB/RS)	1982 .....RODNEY PEETE (JR) .....TUCSON SAHUARO (QB)	1972 .....JESSE PARKER .....RINCON (RB)
2005 .....KYLE WILLIAMS .....CHAPARRAL (RB/KR)	1993 .....KEVIN SCHMIDTKE .....MARANA MTN. VIEW (RB)	1981 .....STAN GILL .....FLAGSTAFF (RB)	1971 .....FRED MORTENSEN .....TEMPE (QB)
2004 .....MATT CLAPP .....PARADISE VALLEY (RB/LB)	1992 .....MIKE MITCHELL .....BROPHY PREP (RB)	1980 .....FRED SIMS .....SUNNYSIDE (RB)	1970 .....BILL CROWE .....MCCLINTOCK (LB)
2003 .....ZACH MILLER .....DESERT VISTA (TE/LB)	1991 .....CHRIS HOPKINS .....SALPOINTE (RB)	1979 .....MOSSY CADE .....SANTA CRUZ (DB)	1969 .....BENNY MALONE .....SANTA CRUZ (RB)
2002 .....MARCUS THOMAS .....TOLLESON (RB)	1990 .....MARIO BATES .....AMPHITHEATER (RB)	1978 .....MIKE CADE .....SANTA CRUZ (RB)	1968 .....JOE PETROSHUS .....TUCSON (HB)
2001 .....MIKE NIXON .....SUNNYSLOPE (QB/DB)	1989 .....BRIAN DREW .....MCCLINTOCK (RB)	1977 .....ALVIN MOORE .....COOLIDGE (TB)	1967 .....TIM SMITH .....ST. MARY'S (RB)
2000 .....MIKE BELL .....TOLLESON (RB)	1988 .....ERIC DRAGE .....SANTA RITA (WR)	TIE .....RIKI GRAY .....AMPHITHEATER (LB)	1966 .....BOB SOZA .....WESTWOOD (TB)
1999 .....TERRELL SUGGS .....HAMILTON (RB)	1987 .....KEVIN CALBREATH .....MARYVALE (RB)	1976 .....GREG BRADY .....CORONADO (QB)	TIE .....BILL DAWSON .....TUCSON (OT/DT)
1998 .....BOBBY WADE .....DESERT VISTA (RB/DB)	1986 .....BOBBY VALDEZ .....SUNNYSIDE (QB)	1975 .....BRIAN FELIX .....PHOENIX UNION (RB)	1966 .....ART MALONE .....SANTA CRUZ (TB)
1997 .....NATHAN WIZE .....SABINO (RB)	1985 .....CLEVELAND COLTER .....MCCLINTOCK (RB)	1974 .....DAVID MITCHELL (JR) .....ST. MARY'S (RB)	1964 .....LEROY PEOPLES .....MARANA (HB)
1996 .....JUSTIN TAPLIN .....TEMPE (WR/KR)	1984 .....STEVE BELLES .....ST. MARY'S (QB)	TIE .....JIMMY MOORE .....MARCOS DE NIZA (TE/DE)	1963 .....JAMES DUGAN .....FLAGSTAFF (HB/DB)
1995 .....MIKE BROWN .....SCOTTSDALE SAGUARO (RB/DB)	1983 .....ANTHONY PARKER .....MCCLINTOCK (RB)	1973 .....ROB WILSON .....CORONADO (QB/DB)	1962 .....EVERETT ROLLINS .....ARCADIA (HB)



## A collage of black and white photographs showing various football players and coaches holding trophies. The central text reads "HANDING OUT THE HARDWARE" in a large, stylized font. The photos depict different groups of people, including players in jerseys with numbers like 30, 5, 32, and 17, and coaches in polo shirts, all posing with their awards in front of school buildings.



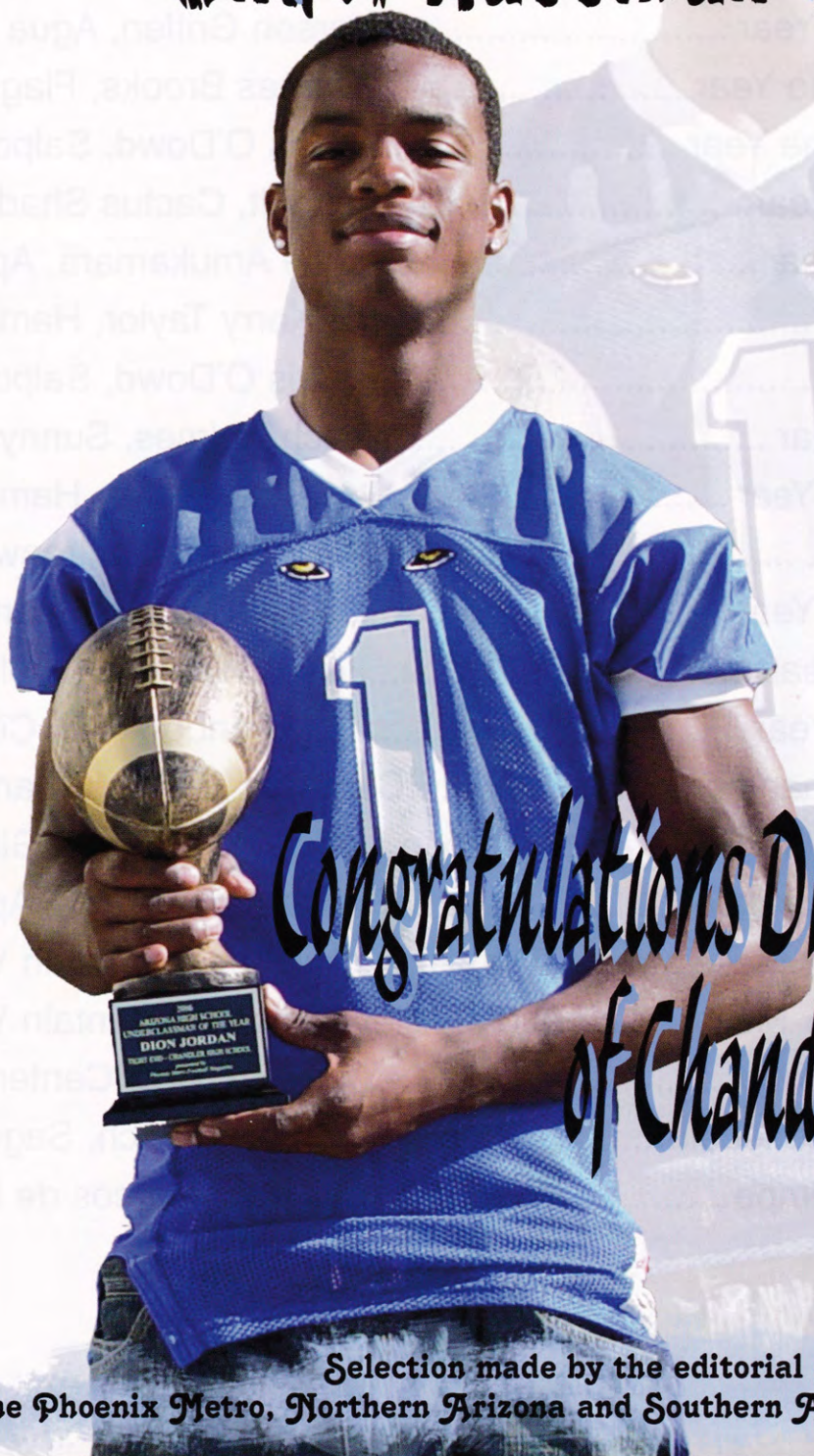
# **2006 Individual Awards**

**as selected by the Kukulski Brothers Editorial Staff**

Arizona Coach of the Year .....	Richard Taylor, Centennial
State Player of the Year .....	Everson Griffen, Agua Fria
Phoenix Metro Player of the Year .....	Everson Griffen, Agua Fria
Northern Arizona Player of the Year .....	James Brooks, Flagstaff
Southern Arizona Player of the Year .....	Kris O'Dowd, Salpointe
Arizona Quarterback of the Year .....	Phillip Aholt, Cactus Shadows
State Running Back of the Year .....	Prince Amukamara, Apollo
Arizona Receiver of the Year .....	Kerry Taylor, Hamilton
State Lineman of the Year .....	Kris O'Dowd, Salpointe
Arizona Linebacker of the Year .....	Zach Holmes, Sunnyside
State Defensive Back of the Year .....	Glenn Love, Hamilton
Arizona Kicker of the Year .....	Alex Zendejas, Ironwood
State Underclassman of the Year .....	Dion Jordan, Chandler
Pinal County Player of the Year .....	Jesse Wheeler, Coolidge
Yuma County Player of the Year .....	Brandon Hall, Cibola
City Player of the Year for Chandler .....	Cameron Jordan, Chandler
City Player of the Year for Gilbert .....	Kyle Newhall-Caballero, Gilbert
City Player of the Year for Glendale .....	Prince Amukamara, Apollo
City Co-Player of the Year for Mesa .....	(tie) Ridge Nielsen, Mountain View
City Co-Player of the Year for Mesa .....	(tie) Riley Nielsen, Mountain View
City Player of the Year for Peoria .....	Tom Ramsey, Centennial
City Player of the Year for Scottsdale .....	Max Tabach, Saguaro
City Player of the Year for Tempe .....	Harrison Evens, Marcos de Niza



# Our 2006 Arizona Underclassman of the Year!



Congratulations **DION JORDAN**  
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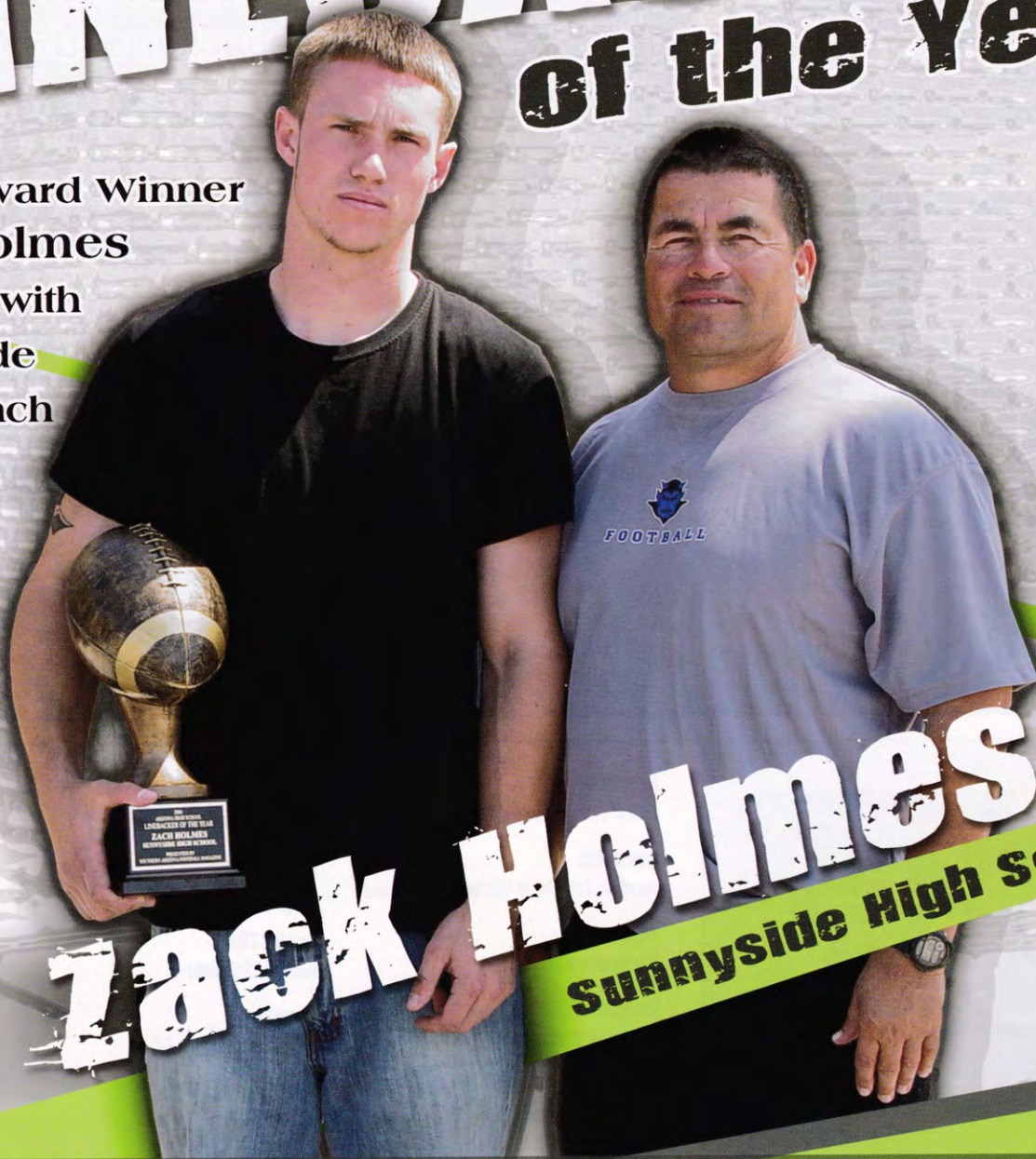


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# LINEBACKER of the Year

2006 Award Winner  
**Zach Holmes**

is shown with  
Sunnyside  
Head Coach  
**Richard  
Sanchez**



# zack Holmes

**Sunnyside High School**

2006 .. Zach Holmes, Sunnyside  
2005 .. Gerald Munns, Hamilton  
2004 .. Matt Clapp, Paradise Valley  
2003 .. Zach Miller, Desert Vista  
2002 .. Brent Miller, Desert Vista  
2001 .. Adam Moro, Blue Ridge  
2000 .. David Coronado, Sunnyside  
1999 .. Austin Sendlein, Chaparral  
1998 .. Brian Gaffney, Brophy Prep  
1997 .. Mike Miller, Arizona Boys Ranch  
1996 .. Cody Price, Westwood  
1995 .. Steve Trejo, Casa Grande  
1994 .. Jeff Johnson, Peoria  
1993 .. Randy Hakes, Arcadia  
1992 .. Jim Sprotte, Blue Ridge

1991 .. Jon McGee, Tucson Sahuaro  
1990 .. Aaron Franklin, Peoria  
1989 .. Daniel Taplin, Tempe  
1988 .. Luke Davis, Dobson  
1987 .. Jeremiah Clark, Mesa  
1986 .. Odel Stewart, Buena  
1985 .. Bob Davis, Mesa Mountain View  
1984 .. Craig Davis, Canyon del Oro  
1983 .. Tim Hicks, Sunnyslope  
1982 .. Randall McDaniel, Agua Fria  
1981 .. Darin Tupper, Trevor Browne  
1980 .. Jimmy Williams, Tempe  
1979 .. Todd Shell, Mesa Mountain View  
1978 .. Kurt Whiteman, Scottsdale

1977 .. Riki Gray, Tucson  
1973 .. Richard Rucker, Canyon del Oro  
1972 .. Tim Petersen, Ajo  
1971 .. Larry Gordon, Phoenix Union  
1970 .. Bob Breunig, Alhambra  
..... (TIE) Bill Crowe, McClintock  
1969 .. Bill Crowe, McClintock (jr)  
1968 .. Larry Delbridge, Coolidge  
1967 .. Jeff Quinn, Westwood  
1966 .. Jay Ray Rokey, Westwood  
1965 .. Bill Owsley, North  
1964 .. Ron Hendrix, Camelback  
1963 .. Dana Woudenberg, Arcadia  
1962 .. Fred Carr, Phoenix Union (jr)  
1961 .. Ross Shannon, North

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August 30th  
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August 31st  
Independence at Sabino

September 6th  
Centennial at Hamilton

September 13th  
Tempe at McClintock

September 14th  
Sunnyside at Central

September 20th  
Brophy at Mountain View

September 27th  
Mingus at Sandra Day O'Connor

September 28th  
Canyon del Oro at Cienega

October 4th  
Saguaro at Cactus Shadows

October 11th  
Red Mountain at Westwood

October 18th  
Skyline vs Horizon

October 25th  
Ironwood at Westview

October 26th  
Buena at Salpointe

November 1st  
Basha at Corona del Sol

November 9th  
Playoff Round 1

November 16th  
Playoff Round 2

November 23rd  
(Playoff game or 2A/3A Championship)

November 24th  
(2A/3A Championship)

December 1st  
(4A-2/5A-2 Championship at University of Phoenix Stadium)

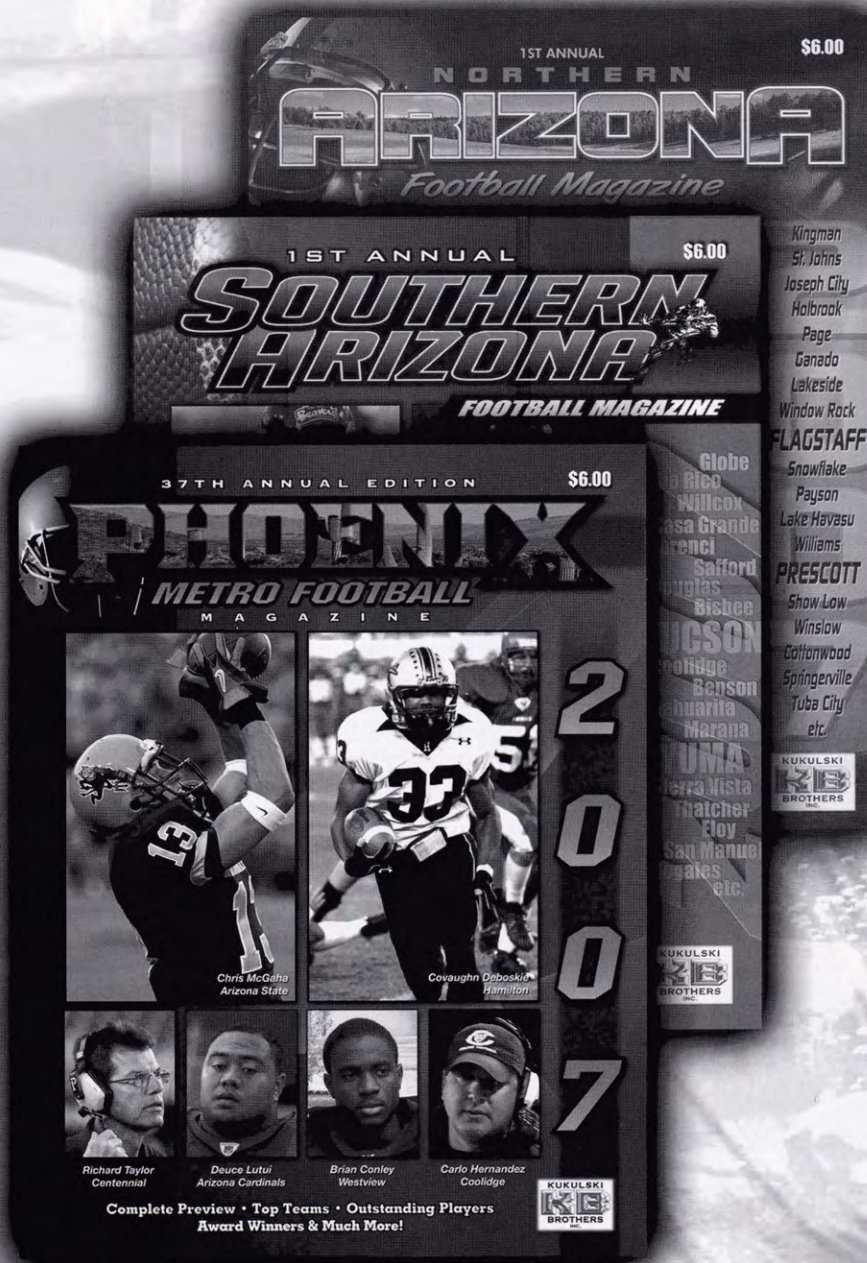
December 8th  
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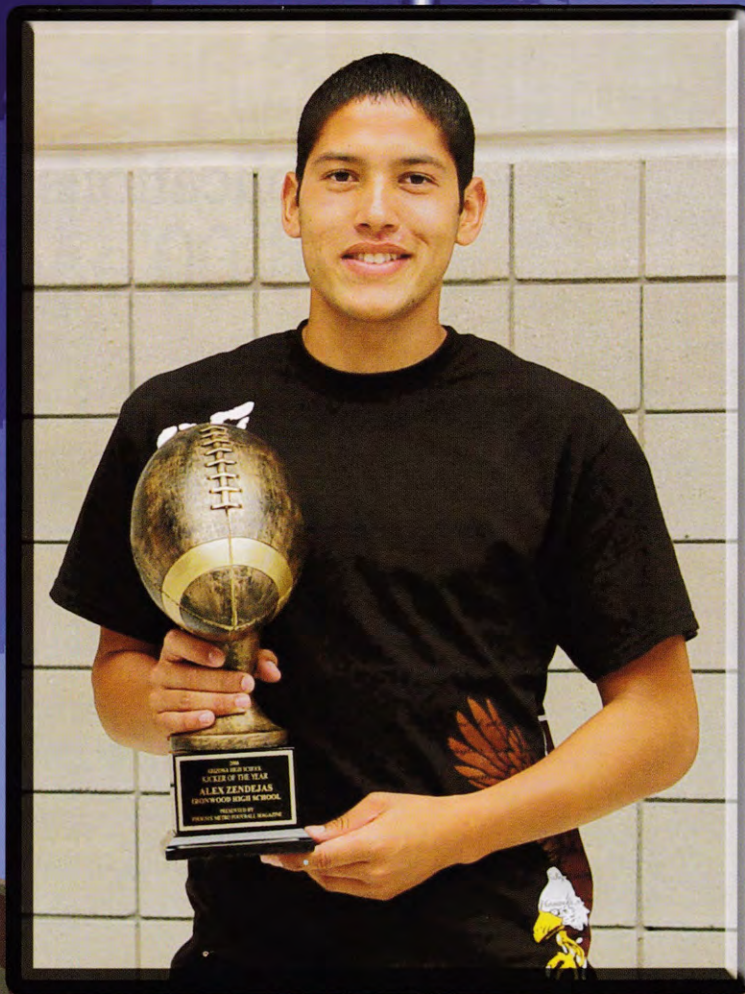
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# ARIZONA'S KICKER OF THE YEAR



Arizona High School Kicker of the Year, Alex Zendejas of Ironwood High School, was selected by the editorial staff of the Phoenix Metro, Northern Arizona and Southern Arizona Football Magazines.

2006..... Alex Zendejas, Ironwood  
 2005..... Ezra Ricks, Cactus  
 2004..... Kyle Day, Sahuarita  
 2003..... Bubba Bradley, Cactus  
 2002..... Esteban Bayona, Marcos de Niza  
 2001..... Erik Contos, Red Mountain  
 2000..... Ryan Slack, Salpointe Catholic  
 1999..... Scott Lane, Chaparral  
 1998..... Ramey Peru, Dobson  
 1997..... Josh Lane, Phoenix Christian  
 1996..... Jeremy Kelley, Mesa Mountain View  
 1995..... Jim Sanson, St. Mary's  
 1994..... Jim Sanson, St. Mary's  
 1993..... Matt Belden, Glendale  
 1992..... Marcus Williams, McClintock  
 1991..... Matt Peyton, Tucson Sahuaro  
 TIE..... Dominic DeMark, Prescott  
 1990..... Cole Ford, Sabino  
 1989..... Terry Belden, Glendale  
 1988..... Jeff Black, Tucson Sahuaro  
 1987..... Steve Rausch, Dobson  
 1986..... Quin Rodriguez, Dobson  
 1985..... Mike Cortright, St. Mary's  
 1984..... Mike Schuh, Mesa Mountain View  
 TIE..... Phil Insalaco, Phoenix Christian  
 1983..... Dean Roney, Winslow  
 1982..... Richard Jones, Chaparral  
 1981..... Jerry Necoechea, Bisbee  
 1980..... Jerry Necoechea, Bisbee  
 1979..... Dave Wood, Washington  
 1978..... Matt McKinney, Scottsdale Saguaro  
 1977..... Bill Zivic, Palo Verde  
 1976..... Kevin Rutledge, Gilbert  
 1975..... Monte Varah, Scottsdale Saguaro  
 1974..... Gary Williams, Blue Ridge  
 1973..... Lee Pistor, Central  
 1972..... Pat Whitehurst, North  
 1971..... Pat Hawbaker, St. Mary's  
 1970..... Jeff Hernandez, Miami  
 1969..... Danny White, Westwood  
 1968..... Cleveland Colter, Marana  
 1967..... Luis Vega, Phoenix West  
 TIE..... Marty Shuford, Scottsdale Saguaro  
 1966..... Luis Vega, Phoenix West  
 1965..... Jim McCann, North  
 1964..... Ron Hendrix, Camelback  
 1963..... Sam Maya, Glendale  
 1962..... Tom Lindsey, Marana  
 1961..... Tom Crater, Gilbert



# Is This THE Year for the Cardinals?

## WHISENHUNT TAKES OVER AS HEAD COACH

Obviously, the Cardinals didn't enjoy much success in 2006. Fans of professional football teams that win five and lose 11 have very little to celebrate, with rare exceptions.

Management wasn't too thrilled either. At season's end, Coach Dennis Green was fired and the Ken Whisenhunt era began. Certainly, Whisenhunt has a great reputation in the league, having served on the coaching staff of the Pittsburgh Steelers for the past six years. And he brought along Russ Grimm to serve as his assistant head coach; Grimm is widely regarded as one of the top offensive line coaches in football.

It isn't as though the Cardinals don't have talent. In fact, that shaky 5-11 ledger could easily have been 8-8 or better, if Arizona had just closed out some games they let get away. Bitter early-season home losses to St. Louis (16-14), Kansas City (23-20) and Chicago (24-23) left fans shaking their heads in disbelief as they exited brand-new University of Phoenix Stadium.

Can they get it right? Start with second-year quarterback Matt Leinart. Green benched veteran Kurt Warner when the club started slowly. In the middle of a devastating seven-game losing streak, Leinart got the nod. He completed nearly 57% of his passes, threw for over 2,500 yards, but finished with more interceptions (12) than touchdowns (11). Warner contributed another 1,377 yards passing, but he was far from spectacular.

Leinart must become the quarterback the Cardinals envisioned when they drafted him. And the sooner the better. Because the franchise needs a great quarterback so badly, Arizona fans are hoping Leinart can grow up quickly.

He has a great pair of wideouts in Anquan Bolden and Larry Fitzgerald. They combined for 152 receptions for 2,149 yards and 10 six-pointers in 2006. And their numbers were down! Remember Fitzgerald missed nearly half of last season due to injury. In 2005, the pair totaled 205 catches for 2,811 yards and 17 TDs.

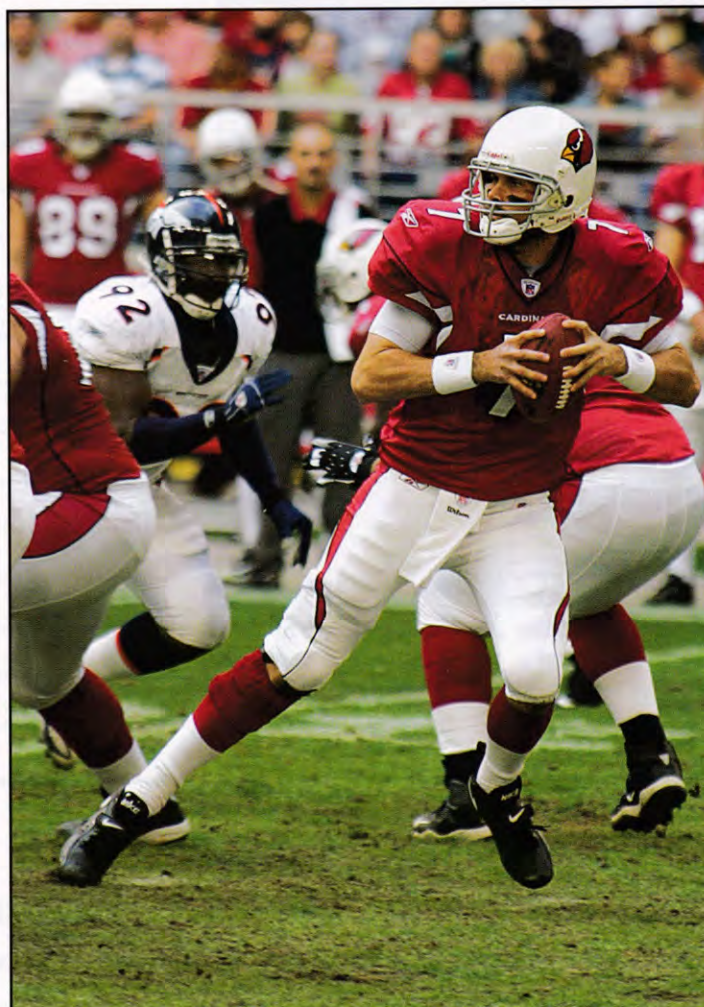
Former Indianapolis Colt Edgerrin James was signed last year to energize the rushing attack. The results were so-so. Yes, James gained his 1,000 yards, but he averaged just 3.4 yards per carry and his long-gainer of the year was 18 yards.

Everyone knows Arizona has been extremely disappointing in the offensive line. Big Leonard Davis left for Dallas and the

Cardinals brought in a couple of notable free agents (Mike Gandy and Al Johnson), along with first-round pick Levi Brown of Penn State to shore things up. It looks as though second-year pro Deuce Lutui is a keeper on the OL too. Grimm just needs to work his magic with this group.

Defensively, the Cardinals gave up 24 points and 349 yards in total offense per game. While not horrible, Whisenhunt will be looking for substantial improvement here too.

Veteran safety Adrian Wilson is a playmaker and



**The Cardinals went with rookie Matt Leinart at quarterback for most of the 2006 campaign. The former Heisman Trophy winner had his moments, throwing for 2,547 yards and 11 scores. But, for Arizona to post a winning record and have a shot at the playoffs, Coach Whisenhunt and crew will need Leinart to improve on those numbers in 2007 (Paynter Pics).**

was named to the Pro Bowl last season for the first time in his career. He wound up with 82 tackles, five sacks, four interceptions and two fumble recoveries on the year.

Who else will step up? Will youngsters like LB Gerald Hayes, LB Karlos Dansby, CB Antrel Rolle, DT Darnell Dockett, S Aaron Francisco, etc. get the job done? Can DE Bertrand Berry make it through a full season and avoid major injuries? Defensive coordinator Clancy Pendergast was retained by Whisenhunt and is widely respected.

NFL football is known as a field-position game. Can the defense come together and give Leinart and that evolving Arizona offense a short field to the red zone?

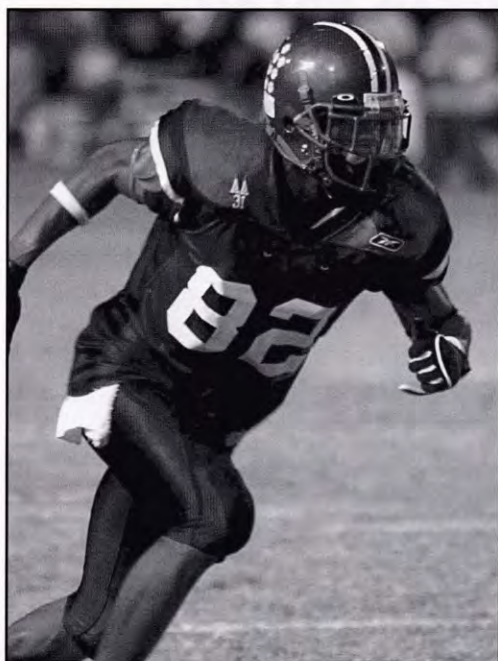
How about a few smiles for those Big Red boosters leaving that beautiful stadium this year?

### 2007 Schedule

Sept. 10.....at San Francisco 49ers  
 Sept. 16.....Seattle Seahawks  
 Sept. 23.....at Baltimore Ravens  
 Sept. 30.....Pittsburgh Steelers  
 Oct. 7.....at St. Louis Rams  
 Oct. 14.....Carolina Panthers  
 Oct. 21.....at Washington Redskins  
 Oct. 28.....BYE  
 Nov. 4.....at Tampa Bay Buccaneers  
 Nov. 11.....Detroit Lions  
 Nov. 18.....at Cincinnati Bengals  
 Nov. 25.....San Francisco 49ers  
 Dec. 2.....Cleveland Browns  
 Dec. 9.....at Seattle Seahawks  
 Dec. 16.....at New Orleans Saints  
 Dec. 23.....Atlanta Falcons  
 Dec. 30.....St. Louis Rams



# 2006 All-Arizona Honorees



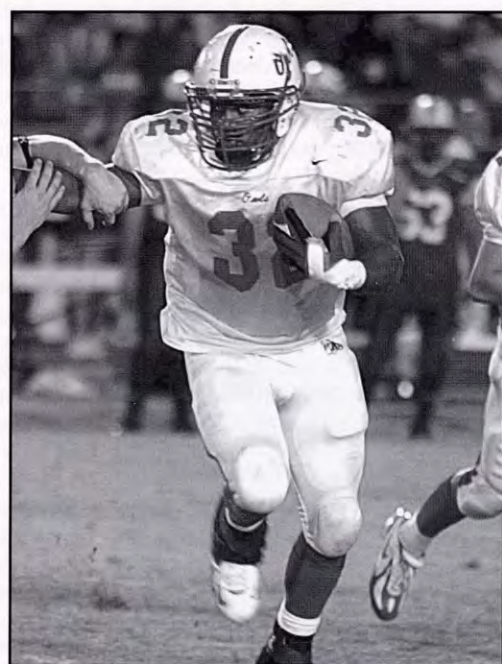
Chandler's Dion Jordan was one of five juniors to make our All-Arizona team in 2006 (Paynter Pics).

## OFFENSIVE TEAM

QB .....	Phillip Aholt, Cactus Shadows, 6-4, 210, Sr.
QB .....	Riley Nielsen, Mesa Mountain View, 6-1, 220, Sr.
RB .....	Prince Amukamara, Apollo, 6-1, 185, Sr.
RB .....	Covaughn Deboskie, Hamilton, 5-11, 180, Jr.
RB .....	Ray Polk, Brophy Prep, 6-1, 190, Jr.
WR .....	T.R. Simpson, Peoria, 6-2, 175, Sr.
WR .....	Kerry Taylor, Hamilton, 6-1, 180, Sr.
WR .....	Kyle Watkins, Cactus Shadows, 6-4, 215, Sr.
TE .....	Dion Jordan, Chandler, 6-6, 215, Jr.
OL .....	Blake Behrens, Brophy Prep, 6-4, 280, Sr.
OL .....	Javarrio Burkes, Moon Valley, 6-5, 325, Sr.
OL .....	Marcel Jones, Trevor Browne, 6-8, 310, Sr.
OL .....	Kris O'Dowd, Salpointe Catholic, 6-4, 300, Sr.
OL .....	Zach Schlink, Centennial, 6-5, 280, Jr.
K .....	Alex Zendejas, Ironwood, 6-0, 170, Sr.

## DEFENSIVE TEAM

DL .....	James Brooks, Flagstaff, 6-6, 260, Sr.
DL .....	Everson Griffen, Agua Fria, 6-4, 253, Sr.
DL .....	Cameron Jordan, Chandler, 6-4, 255, Sr.
DL .....	Ridge Nielsen, Mesa Mountain View, 6-1, 230, Sr.
DL .....	Tom Ramsey, Centennial, 5-11, 268, Sr.
LB .....	Jeff Alder, Wickenburg, 5-11, 175, Sr.
LB .....	Kyle Flannery, Basha, 5-10, 185, Sr.
LB .....	Zach Holmes, Sunnyside, 5-10, 195, Sr.
DB .....	Jeffrey Hughes, Centennial, 5-11, 193, Jr.
DB .....	Glenn Love, Hamilton, 6-4, 205, Sr.
DB .....	Max Tabach, Saguaro, 6-2, 170, Sr.
DB .....	Jesse Wheeler, Coolidge, 5-10, 165, Sr.
DB .....	T.J. White, Coolidge, 5-10, 175, Sr.
P .....	Jimmy Klingensmith, Marcos de Niza, 6-2, 200, Sr.
KR .....	Warren Johnson, Centennial, 5-9, 145, Sr.



Agua Fria's Everson Griffen was an outstanding two-way performer for the Owls. He's arguably the most recruited player in our state's history (Paynter Pics).



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8/31 .....	Paradise Valley
9/7 .....	Agua Fria
9/14 .....	@ Cholla
9/20 .....	@ Cactus
9/27 .....	Mingus
10/5 .....	@ Independence
10/12 .....	Thunderbird
10/19 .....	@ Sunnyslope
10/26 .....	@ Prescott
11/2 .....	Apollo

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2005 ..... Jon Hargis, Red Mountain (DL)  
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2003 ..... John Kadous, Salpointe Catholic (OL)  
2002 ..... Kyle Caldwell, Scottsdale Saguaro (DL)  
2001 ..... Loren Howard, Scottsdale Saguaro (DL)  
2000 ..... Richie Incognito, Mountain Ridge (OT)  
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1998 ..... Brandon Phillips, Corona del Sol (OT)  
1997 ..... Mike Saffer, Sabino (OT)  
1996 ..... Ralph Zarate, Tucson (OT)  
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1993 ..... Todd Thompson, Tucson Sahuaro (DL)  
1992 ..... John Tait, McClintock (OT)  
1991 ..... Willie Walker, Desert View (DL)  
1990 ..... Grady Stretz, McClintock (DL)  
1989 ..... Mike Ciasca, Tucson Sahuaro (OT)  
1988 ..... Eric Ipock, Peoria (OT)  
1987 ..... Richard Griffith, Catalina (DL)  
1986 ..... Tim Landers, Round Valley (DT)  
1985 ..... Gary Pay, Apollo (T)  
1984 ..... Vincent Byrd, Santa Cruz (DT)  
1983 ..... Steve Spurling, Horizon (C)  
1982 ..... Richard Bear, Moon Valley (DT)  
1981 ..... Frank Rudolph, Coronado (DL)  
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1970 ..... Glen Gresham, Phoenix Union (OT)  
1969 ..... Roger Kronberg, Tempe (OT)  
1968 ..... Fernie Mendoza, Salpointe Catholic (T)  
1967 ..... Ken Hatcher, Mesa (C)  
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1965 ..... Bill Dawson, Tucson (T) jr.  
1964 ..... Richard Griffin, Westwood (OT)  
1963 ..... Curley Culp, Yuma (NG)  
1962 ..... Gary Swift, Arcadia (T)  
TIE..... Bob Bertelsen, Arcadia (T)  
1961 ..... Allen Thorn, St. Mary's (C)  
1960 ..... Ted Lawrence, South Mountain (G)  
1959 ..... Dennis Couse, Tucson (T)



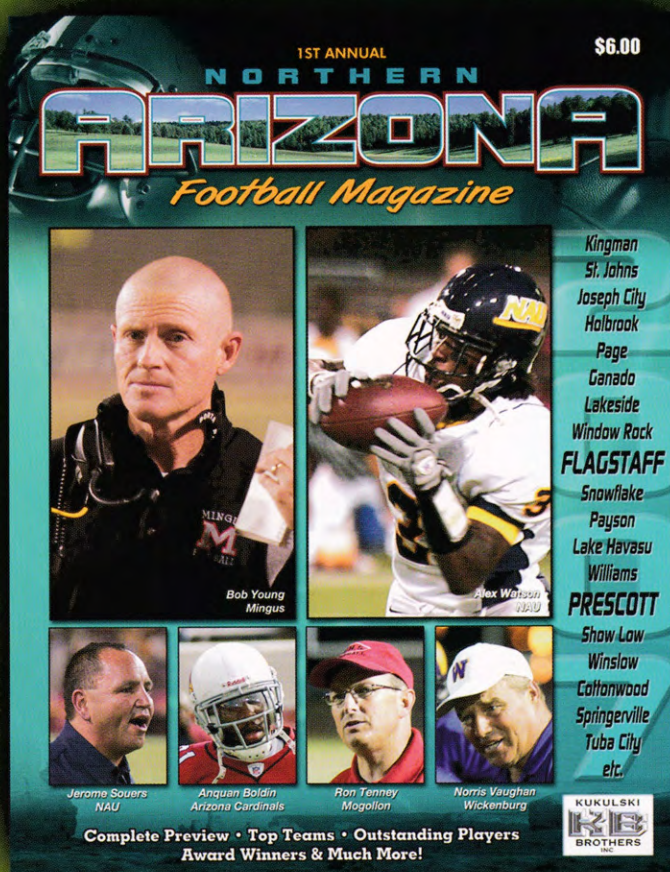
Arizona High School Lineman of the Year, Kris O'Dowd, was selected by the editorial staff of the Phoenix Metro, Northern Arizona and Southern Arizona Football Magazines. He is pictured here with Salpointe Catholic Head Football Coach Dennis Bene.



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